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## EXPORT PACT IN EFFECT TODAY HK Puts Eight Items On Banned List

### A New Nazi Plot Emerges

Vienna, Jan. 4.  
A new wave of arrests has followed the discovery at Graz, Austria, of a Nazi plot which used the local Boy Scout movement as cover for some of its activities, reliable sources in Graz stated yesterday.

The Vienna Communist newspaper, Volkstimme, declared the arrests of the Socialist and People's Party members of the War Reception Committee, Otto Roesch and Count Strachwitz, were among those arrested. British officials here paid tribute today to the Austrian Police, saying they had done an excellent job by rooting out a widespread illegal movement. It was reliably learned in Vienna that the object of the plotters was to mobilize former Nazi forces in Austria with the mission of establishing a German Reich on Nazi lines in the event of armed conflict between the Western powers and Russia. —Reuter.

### Smouldering Beam Gave The Alarm

A smouldering wooden beam in the basement under the hearth of "Mountain View", 103 The Peak, sent a fire engine from the Central Fire Brigade racing through the city early yesterday morning.

Because of its size, the fire engine could not make use of the shorter route via Garden Road to "Mountain View", but had to make a detour by way of Stubbs Road. Firemen had to crawl into the low basement of the house to extinguish the fire. It was caused by the heat from a coal fire in the hearth during the night.

## PRICE OF S'HAIR RICE HITS A NEW HIGH

Shanghai, Jan. 4.  
Despite the tightened control by local economic authorities the price of rice today soared to a new record of CN\$1,400,000 per picul (170 pounds).

This is a 30 per cent rise within 48 hours and has caused a general upward spurt in the cost of all commodities. According to statistics compiled by the Economic Research Department of the Central Bank of China, commodity prices in China last year went up approximately 1,500 per cent compared to the previous year. Independent economists, however, figured the increases to be nearer 2,000 per cent while statisticians in Hong Kong estimated the general price index in China during the same period rose to 2,500 per cent. The same sources reckoned that the gold and foreign exchange rose to 3,000 per cent in the past 12 months. Although the amount of note issue for 1947 remains a top

secret, a group of economic experts here estimate that something like 40,000,000 dollars worth of banknotes are in circulation today—about eight times the amount circulating at the beginning of last year. Three Problems Three major problems plaguing local industrialists in the past 12 months were: (1) The shortage of raw materials owing to the expansion of civil warfare, disruption of communication lines and the exhaustion of stocks. (2) The drastic drop of public purchasing power. (3) The increase of production costs as a result of currency depreciation. It is stated that mainly because of the spreading civil strife and communication difficulties, the Government succeeded in collecting only 600,000 piculs (170 pounds to 1 picul) of cotton instead of the planned 6,000,000 piculs from Chinese villages last year. Government-operated textile production is further disclosed that the cotton stock in Shanghai at the moment suffices to cover the demand for three months only. Semi-official statistics revealed that over 500 industrial and commercial firms, all Chinese, declared bankrupt here in the past year. —Reuter.

## Currency Imports Also Restricted

Shanghai, Jan. 4.  
Spokesman of the Central Bank of China disclosed today that a financial agreement between Hong Kong and China was signed on August 15 last but that implementation had to be delayed on account of change of circumstances shortly after the signature, to allow certain adjustments.

After consultation with the Governor of Hong Kong during his visit to Nanking, it was agreed that the following provisions of the agreement should first be put into effect.

With effect from January 5, no re-export from Hong Kong of the following major export products of China—anthracite, bitumen, cotton-yarn, rapeseed oil, tea, tin, wolfram and wood oil—will be permitted by the Hong Kong authorities. Evidence must be produced on a copy of the present form "C101" that the goods have been sold or contracted to be sold, to an appointed bank in China. The spokesman said that this measure is a valuable reinforcement of China's exchange control. He disclosed that in anticipation of the implementation of this measure, which is expected to lead to increased exchange receipts through official channels, additional allocations of exchange for imports into South China have recently been made.

### Prohibition

At the same time, the Hong Kong Government is imposing prohibition of imports or exports of Chinese currency notes in excess of \$10 million Chinese dollars in line with similar prohibition now in force in China.

As already known the Hong Kong Government is at present in reducing legislation to control activities of banks in Hong Kong, the spokesman

added, adding that this is a measure which is being taken primarily to give the Hong Kong authorities a closer control, which has been lacking over the activities of the many so-called "banking" institutions which have grown up like mushrooms in Hong Kong during the past year or so.

This control, he added, will at the same time reinforce the measures taken in China to check circulation of the present exchange and trade regulations. One further measure covered by the financial agreement has already been put into effect, namely the requirement that ships leaving Hong Kong for China must carry with them a manifest shipped by the Hong Kong authorities.

The spokesman said that the group of measures covered by the financial agreement formed an inter-related whole and had been worked out by the Chinese and Hong Kong authorities in a spirit of goodwill and cooperation.

The agreement takes account of the differing interests of the two parties and marks an important milestone in relations between China and Hong Kong. The spokesman added that consideration was being given to further measures contemplated in the financial agreement of August 15.—Reuter.

## Captain's Operation For Four Hours

Bombay, Jan. 4.  
An American seaman who was stabbed 12 times owed his life today to a four-hour operation performed without anaesthetics by his Captain aboard their ship in the Indian Ocean early on Christmas morning.

The Captain, whose only knowledge of surgery was gleaned from watching an occasional operation during spare hours ashore, is H. K. Carlson.

The seaman, Karl Gilman, was admitted to St. George's Hospital after his ship, the s.s. Flying

Clipper, arrived in Bombay harbor. Gilman, after being stabbed, was losing blood fast from two severed arteries in both arms a deep gash in the throat which narrowly missed the jugular vein and nine other knife wounds in the head and chest.

Realizing the need for immediate action Captain Carlson applied tourniquets above the severed arteries.

Then while a crew member held a flashlight, Capt. Carlson began sewing Gilman's cut flesh using a curved needle and surgical gut. Capt. Carlson felt it would be dangerous to use anaesthetics and there was no time anyway. Four times during the four-hour operation Gilman fainted as the needle pierced the torn flesh. A total of 37 stitches drew the cuts together.

The chief surgeon at St. George's Hospital stated "It was a remarkably fine emergency operation which undoubtedly saved the man's life." —United Press.

### GUATEMALAN MOB LYNCHES MAYOR

Guatemala City, Jan. 4.  
Infuriated mobs armed with stones and clubs lynched Mayor Daniel Izaguirre of El Salvador near the Mexican border and injured many others, unconfirmed press reports said today.

Fearful mobs reportedly entered the town protesting the result of the recent municipal elections. United Press.

### U.S. RADIO STRIKE MAY SPREAD TO THE ORIENT

San Francisco, Jan. 4.  
The San Francisco President of the American Communications Association said his union's strike against Mackay radio may spread to the Orient.—Associated Press.



The quick change of expressions on the face of Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister, are shown in these studies taken during a press conference he gave at Claridge Hotel, London, following the break-up of the "Big Four" conference yesterday Dec. 15. A Photo.

## De Gaulle Opens War On Unions

St. Etienne, France, Jan. 4.  
General Charles de Gaulle called today for a new "association" of management and labour, incorporated into the State, to replace French trade unions.

De Gaulle's statement was made in a speech prepared for delivery in the Central Square of this city which the Communist-dominated General Confederation of Labour took over briefly during last month's strikes. De Gaulle said: "Enough of this absurd system, in which for a calculated minimum salary, a minimum of effort is furnished and a minimum result collectively produced. 'Enough of this opposition between different groups of producers, which poisons and paralyses French activity.' —Associated Press.

## Australia To Retain Troops In Japan

San Francisco, Jan. 4.  
The Australian Government has abandoned plans to recall its army component in Japan by next June because of expected delays in concluding a Japanese peace treaty, according to Radio Australia. The Army Ministry said: "Now it seems unlikely a treaty will be concluded in the first part of 1948." "The time within which families of servicemen may join them in Japan has been extended to March 31.—United Press.

## Michael Travels Ahead Sedately Into Exile

Budapest, Jan. 4.  
The special train carrying ex-King Michael of Rumania into exile arrived in Budapest at 11.30 CET and left ten minutes later for the Austro-Hungarian frontier.

Michael did not leave his saloon car on the eight-car train during its stay in the suburban Ferencvaros station but smiled out of the window at a large group of newsmen assembled on the platform.

With him were Queen Mother Helen and 22 members of the Royal Household. His secretary, Mircea Ionitu, said: "We had a pleasant trip."

## It's All Said In A Look

## KOWLOON HUT EVICTION REPORTED UNDER WAY Clashes Are Expected

Acting on Magistrate Blair-Kerr's December 16 ruling in the Kowloon Court, some 200 Police are said to be scheduled to march on Kowloon City (old walled city) at dawn today to evict "forcibly, if need be", more than 1,000 alleged unauthorised residents.

Resistance from the residents involved is expected. This presumably is the reason for the number of Police assigned to the task.

The people concerned have adopted a defiant attitude and have time and again declared their intention to "fight" any attempt to move them from their present sites. Despite the Magistrate's ruling against them and the statement by Chinese Special Commissioner (Foreign Affairs) Mr. Kwongtung-Kwang, Mr. F. W. Kwok, that "unless they have a legal standing, they cannot expect the Chinese Government to intervene in their behalf," the people persistently contend that Kowloon City is Chinese territory over which they maintain, the local Government has no jurisdiction.

Representative meetings have been held during the past few nights. At every one of these gatherings, resolutions were passed to "stay put."

Notices to quit were served by the Public Works Department on the residents concerned on November 14 giving them 14 days to comply. They ignored the orders.

Later, 70 summonses were served by the Police on owners of structures and on some occupants charging them with occupying Crown Land without proper authorisation.

None of the summoned persons appeared in Court when the case came before Mr. Blair-Kerr on December 16. As a result, the Magistrate ruled that "all persons occupying Crown Land, or maintaining or erecting an unauthorised structure thereon, is to be evicted from these premises forcibly, if need be, under the supervision of the Commissioner of Police on a date to be fixed by the Commissioner of Police in consultation with the Director of Public Works."

## Chinese Red Leader Broadcasts

San Francisco, Jan. 4.  
The Chinese Communists broadcast today a statement by Chairman Mao Tse-tung accusing Government leaders of launching the civil war because they rely on United States aid and "willfully imagined the necessity of war between the United States and the Soviet Union."

The statement, broadcast by the Communist radio under a North Shensi dateline and heard by the Associated Press in San Francisco, was the third and last installment of a lengthy policy pronouncement which Mao was said to have made at a Party meeting on Dec. 25.

Mao accused "American imperialists" of making plans for enslaving the world and mustering the reactionary forces of various countries against "democratic forces headed by the Soviet Union."

He said the "imperialist anti-democratic forces" were preparing a wild plan for some remote day in the future to fight world war three and defeat the "democratic forces." —Associated Press.

## MUFTI'S HQ IN JAFFA BOMBED

Jerusalem, Jan. 4.  
The headquarters of the Grand Mufti's Arab higher committee in Jaffa was bombed today. The bodies of four Arabs killed in the explosion were brought to the government hospital in Jaffa plus some 30 injured. An official statement said the explosion caused "extensive damage." —United Press.

## SUNDAY EXPRESS DECLARES

## BOAC Loses £ 60 Per Passenger

London, Jan. 4.  
The "Sunday Express" reported today that accounts of the British Overseas Airways Corporation, to be published this week, will show a loss of £60 for every passenger carried during the first full year of peace time operation.

The "Express" said the report, covering operations from April 1, 1946, to March 31, 1947, will show a loss of £8,000,000 with about 130,000 passengers carried.

British European Airways in a recent report showed a loss of £30 per passenger carried but the "Express" predicted the British South American Airways—the smallest of the three nationalised airlines—will show a small profit.—United Press.

## Pakistan Ready For Anything

Karachi, Jan. 4.  
Any action taken by the Indian Union against "imaginary concentrations of so-called invaders" on Pakistan territory would be an act of unprovoked aggression against Pakistan, Liaquat Ali Khan, Pakistan Prime Minister, said tonight.

"I hope Pandit Nehru and his Government will not take any such precipitate action."

"We are, however, prepared for any such eventuality," the Premier told a press conference here.

The Premier said that he was still without official knowledge of the from in which India was raising the Kashmir issue in the United Nations as the

telegram sent him by Pandit Nehru was in code, to which nobody in Pakistan had the key. Regarding Pandit Nehru's allegation that the Pakistan Premier had not replied to the letter regarding Kashmir delivered to him personally by Mr. Nehru on Dec. 22 at Delhi, Ali Khan said that Pakistan's reply was handed to the Deputy Commissioner of India in Karachi on Dec. 30, Router.

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## The Weather

The main high pressure area is now centred north-west of Kansu with a ridge extending to South China and thence to east of Japan.

A trough of low pressure extends from the neighbourhood of the Philippines to Cebu in China.

Forecast—Moderate easterly winds, fine.

Yesterday's weather—Maximum: 64.6 deg. Fah. Minimum: 51.9 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 14 hours.

Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—nil mm. in. as against an average of 4.1 mm. in. 16 in.

Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m. 10 p.m. Bar. at m.s.l. 1028.5 1028.9 1028.5 Humidity 60 54 56 Dew Point 48 46 46 Wind Direction 230 230 230 Wind Force 10 10 10

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## Govt. Report Stresses:

The Need For High  
Cost Of  
Living Allowances

The necessity to continue for the present  
High Cost of Living Allowances, in  
addition to the increases in basic pay,  
is an important feature of the Salaries  
Commission Report.

The Commission states:  
Our attempt to establish a  
satisfactory scale for a tem-  
porary high cost of living  
allowance, the need for which  
was manifest from the first day  
on which we heard evidence,  
has not satisfied us. What we  
propose is the best we have  
been able to achieve on the  
available evidence. It is con-  
servative and it may serve as  
a temporary measure until  
adequate statistics have been  
assembled and scientifically in-  
terpreted in what we hope may  
become a quarterly or at most  
a half-yearly survey of the cost  
of living.

The Labour Office completes  
weekly a Food and Fuel Index  
of which "Rehabilitation  
Allowance paid to skilled and  
unskilled labour is reviewed.  
The weakness of this index for  
our purpose is that it surveys  
too narrow an area of com-  
modities and is limited to what  
in effect is a single class of the  
community.

## Statistics

Two surveys made against  
pressure of time by the Statisti-  
cal Officer have been of very  
great service, one based  
on budgets furnished by mem-  
bers of the European Civil  
Service Association and one  
covering income ranging be-  
tween \$200 and \$800, i.e. what  
can broadly be called the "white  
collar" class of Government  
servants. These surveys are  
submitted as part of the material  
on which this Report is based,  
the first being a cost of living  
inquiry based on a limited num-  
ber of family budgets and the  
second aiming at establishing a  
retail price index. We were  
not able to accept all the con-  
clusions drawn from these sur-  
veys but they are the only  
attempt at the scientific con-  
sideration of the problem made  
since the University enquiry  
before the war and the Com-  
mission has been grateful for  
the guidance derived from them.

## Budgets

Meantime the Commission re-  
ceived a very large number of  
budgets from men in all salary  
ranges in the Government Ser-  
vice. By close study, com-  
parison and examination of the  
people who had submitted them  
we were able to gain a good  
general impression of how  
people are living and of the  
difficulties of nearly all classes  
of Government servants except  
skilled and unskilled labourers,  
who, it is commonly agreed, are  
living better now than before  
the war. The men in the pro-  
fessional and administrative  
grades generally manage to  
avoid falling into debt, which  
is not the case among the people  
whose pay ranges between  
about \$200 and \$800 a month.  
Our examination of a large  
number of witnesses convinced  
us that men were drawing on  
their savings, had used up the  
greater part of such pay as they  
may have received for the war  
years, were driven to all man-  
ner of evening and sparetime  
work in order from month to  
month to meet essential ex-  
penditure.

Overwork, the worry of debt  
or of vanishing resources have  
undoubtedly had a serious  
influence on the efficiency of  
these men, have driven many  
good men to seek the better  
terms offered in private employ-  
ment, have created unrest and have  
tried the loyalty of good ser-  
vants of the Government. The  
men on the higher salary ranges  
have on the whole accepted  
cheerfully standards of living  
more austere than are reason-  
able in the geographical and  
climatic conditions of the  
Colony. A few of the budgets  
that we have examined show  
that among the better paid,

small savings can be made, but  
generally a man's salary appears  
entirely to go to meet essential  
expenditure. There is a natural  
anxiety among senior men who  
find it impossible to supplement  
by savings, pensions which will  
become subject to United King-  
dom income tax.

## Method Chosen

Using the patterns of ex-  
penditure revealed by the Statisti-  
cal Officer's surveys and ex-  
tracted from the budgets, we  
ourselves invited an officer of  
the Finance Department to pre-  
pare a series of type budgets in  
consultation with members of  
the Almoners' Department the  
head of the Relief Section of  
the Medical Department, and  
the case workers of the Social  
Welfare Council. For food ex-  
penditure the basis taken was  
of quantities which were priced  
according to figures supplied by  
the Price Controller; other ex-  
penditure was assessed accord-  
ing to the expenditure pattern  
revealed by the Statistical Of-  
ficer's surveys and by our own  
analyses. The information  
derived in this way was obvious-  
ly less reliable and revealing  
than what would have been  
derived from well compiled cost  
of living indices, but it was the  
best available. Having already  
made suggestions for the re-  
vision of salaries to meet what we  
regard as a conservative esti-  
mate of money values in the  
next few years, we got from  
these type budgets an indication  
of what men need to meet their  
essential expenditure estimated  
on a basis of rigid economy.

## Computation

We have considered whether  
high cost of living allowances  
should be paid on total emolu-  
ments including expatriation pay  
or on basic salaries only. In  
order to maintain equality of  
treatment of local and expa-  
triate officers we recommend that  
as in the case of deductions for  
Government quarters basic pay  
alone should be taken into ac-  
count.

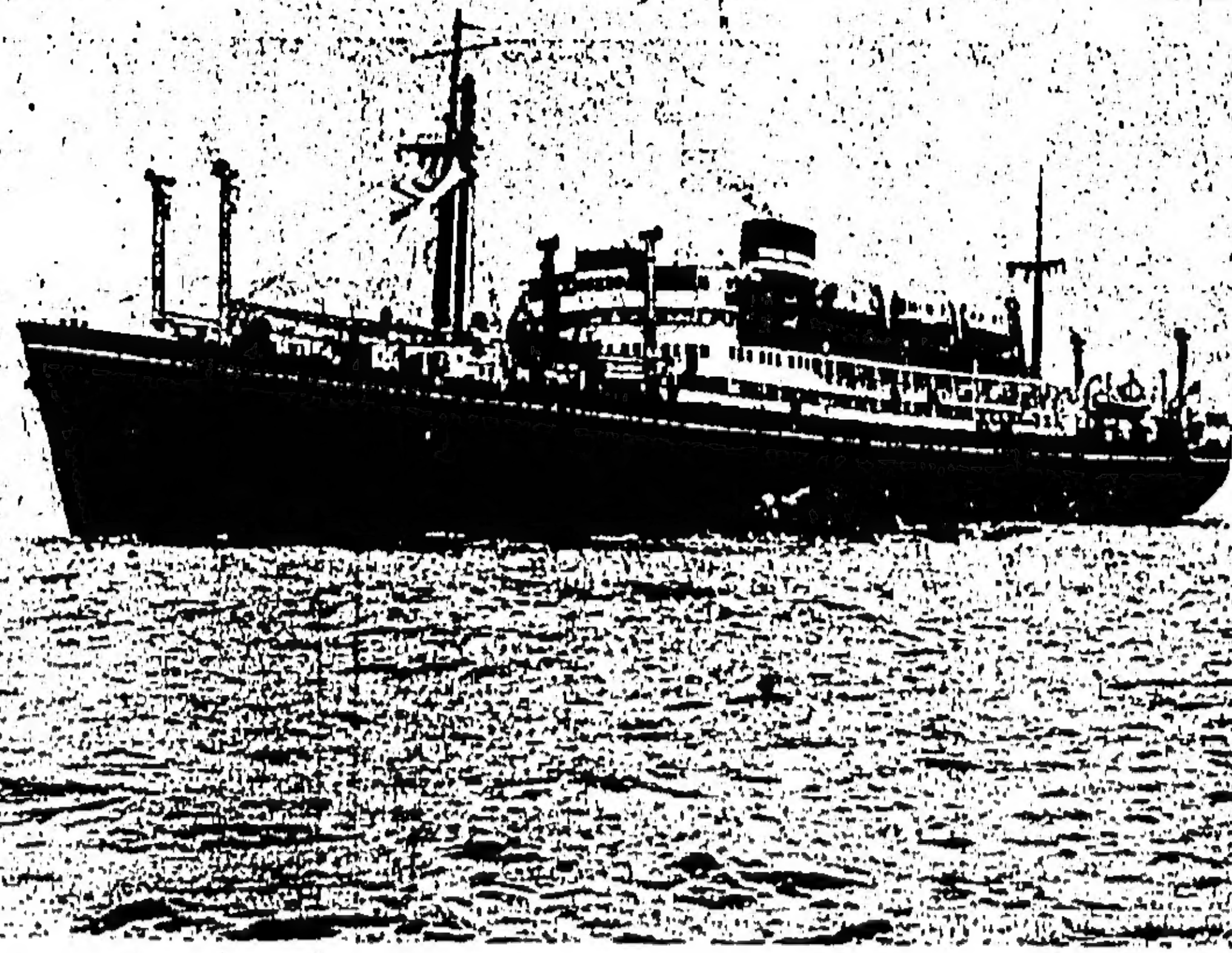
## DIFFERENTIATION

For officers drawing revised  
basic salaries in excess of \$149  
per month we recommend that  
high cost of living allowance  
should be paid according to the  
following rules:—  
(i) Married men, widowers or  
widows with one or more depen-  
dent children should receive 100%  
of the standard cost of living al-  
lowance for their salary group.  
(ii) Married men with no  
children should receive 80% of  
the standard allowance.  
(iii) Widowers and widows  
without children and unmarried  
officers should receive 60% of  
the standard allowance.

(iv) While the Commission does  
not, in general, favour the em-  
ployment by Government of mar-  
ried women, especially those  
whose husbands are in Govern-  
ment service, in cases where it  
is necessary to employ such  
married women on account of  
their special qualifications or  
suitability or lack of qualified  
single women an allowance at the  
rates laid down in (iii) should  
be paid to the wife even though  
the husband is also drawing an  
allowance at the rates set out in  
(i) or (ii).  
(v) A dependent child for the  
purpose of high cost of living  
allowance should be interpreted  
as meaning a son under the age  
of 16 or an unmarried daughter  
under the age of 21.

## Scales of Allowance

It is stated above that we have  
concluded that the standard of  
living of the lowest paid grades  
of Government servants actually  
is higher now than before the  
war. The cost of living before  
the war was paid \$13 a month now  
is paid in Government service a  
total of \$101.50. He is still badly  
housed, but no increase of pay  
would immediately help him in  
that respect, for accommodation  
does not yet exist. His addition-  
al pay goes very largely into a  
more varied and ampler dietary.  
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B.I. Has Put A New Motorship  
Into The Far Eastern Service

This is the twin-screw motor-  
ship, "Sirdhana," which has  
just run her trials. She was  
built by Swan, Hunter and  
Wigham Richardson for the  
B. I. Company's Calcutta  
Straits and Far East service  
and is the second of a new class  
of ships replacing war losses.

She has a gross tonnage of  
9,000 and a deadweight of 8,700  
tons, with a cargo capacity of  
446,000 cu. ft., of which 5,600  
cu. ft. is refrigerated space.

The "Sirdhana" will carry 21  
First Saloon passengers in sin-  
gle and two-berth cabins; 30  
Second Saloon passengers in  
three-berth cabins; 40 Inter-  
mediate Class passengers in  
four-berth cabins; there is space  
too for some 2,000 unberthed  
passengers.

First Saloon passengers are  
accommodated in seven single  
and seven two-berth cabins,  
romy and well furnish-  
ed, and each having hot and  
cold running water. A dining  
saloon, a lounge and library,  
and a smoke room with bar  
adjoining ensure adequate com-  
fort in that Class. In the  
Second Saloon there are a  
lounge and dining room for  
passengers; for those of the  
Intermediate Class there is a  
simply furnished public room.

## Crew Decks

The Asian crew have accom-  
modation of an improved  
character with separate cabins  
for the Serang and special  
messrooms for deck, saloon and  
engine-room crews who have  
to their own oil-fired galleys;  
their quarters have also  
mechanical ventilation.

Mechanical, cold-air ventila-  
tion, in addition to fans, is fitted  
to passengers' cabins and to all  
public rooms. Cargo gear com-  
prises eight 7-ton derricks and  
is also available at No. 2 Hatch.  
The "Sirdhana" has Duxford  
engines, designed to give a ser-  
vice speed of 16 knots. One  
more ship of this class is also  
in course of construction and  
will join her sisters later on the  
same service.

PRINCE'S APPEAL  
DISMISSED

Frankfurt, Jan. 4.  
Prince Philip, of Hesse, recently  
adjudged an active member of the  
Nazi Party by a denazification court  
at Darmstadt, today had his appeal  
for release from the Darmstadt in-  
terment camp dismissed by the  
Military Governor of Hesse.  
Prince Philip formerly held a  
rank equivalent to that of a general  
in the SA (Hitler's Brown Shirt  
Army).—Reuter.

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## THE WHISKERS CLUB



Just as Whisk was dipping into the  
treasure box, he was hit there by  
a hand. "Who?" he asked, and a shadow  
passed over the bowl.



Toddie gave a cry and began to run.  
The Whiskers were terrified by  
the sight of the shadow. "Who?" he  
asked, and a shadow passed over the  
bowl.

Unbiased Public  
Service  
Commission Urged

Appointment of a Public Service Commission, of  
which no voting member is in the employ of  
the Government, is recommended in the  
Report of the Salaries Commission.

The report, after stating that  
the creation of such a Commis-  
sion would assure increased  
confidence both in the Services  
and among the public, goes on  
to say:—

"The existence of the Com-  
mission should be a guarantee  
that conditions of service are  
reasonably interpreted and even-  
ly applied.

Subject to the overriding  
powers of the Secretary of Stat-  
istics, the Commission should be  
authorised to make recom-  
mendations for the filling of all  
vacancies in the public services  
of the Colony.

Effectively to achieve its pur-  
poses the Commission should be  
empowered:—

(i) to see that in new appoint-  
ments every effort is made  
to give the earliest reason-  
able effect to the policy  
defined in Section III of  
the White Paper regard-  
ing the improvement of  
opportunities for local  
candidates;

(ii) to lay down the form in  
which applications for em-  
ployment should be made;  
to issue notices of vacan-  
cies in the public service;  
to take responsibility for  
the standard and conduc-  
tion of all examinations laid  
down as qualification for  
admission to any grade of  
the public service and for  
such examination as may  
be prescribed as qualifica-  
tion for confirmation in  
appointments or for pro-  
motion in any service;

(iii) to advise the Governor  
concerning officers recom-  
mended by Heads of De-  
partments for promotion;

**Efficiency Standards**  
(iv) to endeavour to co-  
ordinate standards by  
which efficiency is mea-  
sured and to consider and  
advise the Governor on  
recommendations made by  
Heads of Departments  
that officers should pro-  
ceed above efficiency bars  
in the salary scales;

(v) to receive through Heads  
of Departments represen-  
tations from officers who  
believe that conditions of  
service have been inter-  
preted to their disad-  
vantage;

(vi) to advise the Governor on  
any matters relating to  
conditions of service that  
he may refer to it.

The Commission is strongly  
of opinion that in order that it  
may achieve the greatest mea-  
sure of the confidence of officers  
and the public, the Public Ser-  
vices Commission should be as  
completely as possible freed  
from the fact and from the  
appearance of control by Gov-  
ernment.

For this reason it seems  
desirable that it should have  
statutory authority and pro-  
tection in the exercise of its  
duties.

It should have direct access to  
the Governor, and should not  
have among its members any  
person who is in the service of  
Government.

HAW-HAW'S  
WIDOW  
RELEASED

London, Jan. 4.

Mrs. Margaret Joyce,  
widow of William Joyce  
(Lord Haw Haw, who  
broadcast to Britain for  
the Nazis and was hanged  
for treason in 1945),  
said after her conditional  
release from a German  
internment camp today  
that she hoped to settle  
in Ireland, "where there  
might be some chances  
for me."

She is considered a German  
national and will stay near  
Cologne until a German de-  
nazification board has pronoun-  
ced its verdict on her.

At the end of her 17 months'  
internment today, she went to  
live with friends at a pretty  
hillside cottage outside the city.

"I have not got used to being  
free yet and it is difficult to  
call this 'freedom'," she said.

"I have been released under  
Category 3—that means that  
I have to report to the police."

"I cannot leave Germany  
without the Commander-in-  
Chief's permission and I am not  
allowed to take certain sorts of  
jobs."

Mrs. Joyce said that she had  
no complaint to make about the  
internment camp at Paderborn.  
She had been held in the  
internment camp since her ar-  
rest with William Joyce in May,  
1945.—Reuter.

BLACK MARKET IN  
CATS

London, Jan. 4.

Cats are disappearing in Tor-  
quay, Devonshire, these days.  
The police think they are being  
sold for black market furs.—  
Reuter.

## Reminders

Today

St. Andrew's Women's Guild  
meeting, talk by Mrs. Frank  
Short, at Vicarage, 3 p.m.  
Annual R.S. Day in aid of St.  
Vincent de Paul Fund for  
the Poor.

Portuguese Institute Second Ses-  
sion, Talk by Dr. O. Souza,  
Clube Lusitano, 8 p.m.  
Sofball Association General  
Committee meeting, Shell  
House, 5.15 p.m.

H.K. Football Referees Associa-  
tion monthly meeting, 211,  
Prince's Bldg., Ice House St.,  
8.30 p.m.

## Coming Events

Rotary Club Close Meeting,  
H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.-12.30  
p.m.  
Urban Council meeting, G.P.O.  
Building, 4.15 p.m.

BURMA WILL BECOME  
A REPUBLIC TODAY

Rangoon, Dec. 4.

British sovereignty over Burma, ended and the  
Republic of Burma was born at a historic  
ceremony here two hours before dawn today,  
when the Union Jack was lowered from the  
flagstaff of the Constituent Assembly and re-  
placed by the Republic's dark-spangled tri-  
colour.

Burmese leaders and represen-  
tatives saluted the Union Jack as  
it was slowly lowered under a  
bright moonlit sky, as it touched  
the ground, a Burmese band  
struck up the Republic's National  
Anthem, and the Burmese flag  
was immediately hoisted in its  
place.

The ceremony of transfer, pre-  
ceded amidst a fanfare of trum-  
pets, conch-shells and the beat-  
ing of ceremonial drums, was  
watched by about 2,000 people  
on the spacious, floodlit lawn of  
the Assembly building, inside  
the heavily-guarded Government  
Secretariat.

Troops of the Burma army  
with bayonets glistening over  
their shoulders stood at attention  
as the flags changed places.

The country's leaders and  
others attending the ceremony  
stood with bowed heads and the  
crowds around broke into lusty  
cheers.

Immediately afterwards a bed-  
lam of noise rose from Rangoon,  
as temple and church bells rang  
out from all sides, and ships  
fired on the streets and ships  
and factories on the river-front  
blew their sirens.

London today shared Burma's  
independence and congratulatory  
messages were sent to the Bur-  
mese people through Reuter by  
statute and diplomatic envoys  
in London.

For this reason it seems  
desirable that it should have  
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power you may count upon us  
to promote your prosperity."

Mr. R. S. Mann, the Deputy  
High Commissioner for India:  
The whole of India rejoices  
with Burma on this auspicious  
day. On behalf of the High  
Commissioner and the Indian  
community in London I wish in-  
dependent Burma a happy and  
glorious future."

Dr. Cheng Tien Hsi, the  
Chinese Ambassador: "I would  
express the hope that the friend-  
ly relations which have always  
existed between our two peoples  
will prove strengthened by this  
epoch-making change."

Nabid Ebrahim Rahimtoola,  
High Commissioner for Pakis-  
tan in the United Kingdom:  
"On this memorable occasion  
when Burma is embarking on  
her career as an independent  
state, it is my proud privilege to  
wish our friends and neighbours  
happiness and prosperity. May  
this sovereign state play her  
rightful part in the family of  
nations in promoting goodwill  
and friendship and in maintain-  
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# MR. ATTLEE ACCUSES SOVIET Threat Of "New Form Of Imperialism" Masquerade Under Democracy

London, Jan. 4. Soviet Russia was tonight charged by the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, with pursuing a policy which threatened the other nations of Europe "with a new form of imperialism—ideological, economic and strategic."

Speaking from Chequers, his official residence, in the fourth of a series of political broadcasts allotted to the Labour Party, the Prime Minister said:

"It is ironic that today the resolute, who suppress opposition much more vigorously than the kings and emperors of the past, masquerade under the name of upholders of democracy."

"I claim that here, in Britain, the British people, through the Labour Government, are giving a practical lead to the world, a lead which is needed today in order to preserve our heritage of European civilisation, a lead which cannot be given by a Conservative or a Liberal Government."

"Today, in Eastern Europe, the Communist Party, while overthrowing the economic tyranny of landlordism and capitalism, has renounced the doctrine of individual freedom and political democracy and rejected the whole spiritual heritage of Western Europe."

"The history of Soviet Russia provides us with the warning that, without political freedom, civilisation can quickly go astray and lead to new forms of oppression and injustice."

"Soviet Communism pursues a policy which threatens, with a new form of imperialism—ideological, economic and strategic—the welfare and way of life of the other nations of Europe."

At the other end of the scale, Mr. Attlee continued, there was the United States, standing for individual liberty in the political sphere and for the maintenance of human rights. But its economy was based on capitalism, with the characteristic extreme inequality of wealth in its citizens.

Between The Two

Britain, like the other countries of Western Europe, was placed geographically, and from the point of view of the economic and political history, between the two.

"Our task is to work out a system of a new and challenging kind, which combines individual freedom with planned economy democracy with social justice."

This task, which faces not only our lives, but all Western democracies, requires a government to be inspired by a new conception of sobriety with a dynamic policy, in accord with the needs of the new situation.

"It could not be accomplished by any of the old parties, not by a totalitarian party, whether Marxist or Communist."

Better Life

Mr. Attlee concluded: "The policy of democratic socialism which the Labour Government is carrying out seeks to create conditions in which a better life will be attainable by every individual in the community, free from oppression, whether by government or vested interests."

"The Labour Government is giving a lead which is needed not only by this country but by Europe."

"Let us be thankful," said the Prime Minister, "that in this country we have freedom of debate."

"It is a tragedy that a section of the movement, which began in an endeavour to free the souls and bodies of men, should have been perverted into an instrument for their enslavement,"—Reuter.

## RUSSIANS TREAD WITH CARE IN NEAR EAST

London, Jan. 4. Moscow's evident reluctance further to antagonise Moslem opinion, which was deeply shocked by Russian support of partition in Palestine, will be tested afresh when the Kashmir dispute between India and Pakistan is brought up for debate inside the United Nations.

The real danger of open war between the two Indian Dominions, with all the opportunities it offers for great power intervention in the key sub-continent of Asia, creates a situation in which Russia will consider her policy towards Moslem countries, including Pakistan, with renewed care.

M. Andrei Gromyko's declaration of policy towards Palestine, delivered on Dec. 30, to an American-Jewish dinner in New York, was a calculated masterpiece in the art of appeasing both Zionist and Arab opinion.

Britain, too, is faced with the consideration of readjusting her relations with the countries of the Arab League on a permanent basis. The treaty revision talks with Iraq, Transjordan and Egypt are in the air.

The Prime Minister of Iraq is expected to join his Foreign Minister in London next week for negotiations with British Government for revision of the Anglo-Iraqi treaty, whose military clauses have hitherto given Britain certain exclusive military rights.

The return to London for consultation of Sir Ronald Campbell, British Ambassador to Cairo, to discuss whether a new attempt should now be made to break the deadlock in the Anglo-Egyptian treaty revision discussions, has led to speculation whether Britain is ready to advance the date of the evacuation of British troops.

Troops In Iraq

One of the questions is whether Egypt or Britain will consent to limit the new talks to Egyptian problems alone, including the withdrawal of troops, or whether the Sudanese case, on which the last talk "understood, will also be discussed."

It is hoped that the Iraqi and Transjordan talks, which deal with straight treaty revision and are not complicated by any problems comparable to the Sudan, will prove plain sailing and result in full agreement.

It is understood that the Iraq talks will centre on the right to station British troops in Iraq and to use the airfield of Halabiyah. The question has already been discussed during the past months at the expert level and good hope of an agreement is entertained in London.

Arab League

The Premier of Transjordan if he comes as his country's delegate to London, is expected to ask for revision of the military annex of the Anglo-Trans-

jordan treaty, but the discussions are bound to be conducted against the background of current events and future developments in neighbouring Palestine.

The view, expressed by several commentators, that the renewal of treaty revision talks with Iraq, Transjordan and Egypt is the direct result of the Palestine situation and a semi-official British disapproval of the United Nations' decision to partition Palestine is officially rejected here.

If, however, the discussions end in agreement in all three cases, this would be bound to have an important effect on Britain's relations with the Arab League powers.—Reuter.

## STALIN ILL WITH CANCER?

Stockholm, Jan. 4. Professor Ellis Beren Swedisch, cancer specialist and radiologist, left by plane today for Moscow for "consultation on a serious cancer case."

"I can not tell you who my patient is because I do not know myself yet," Beren told newsmen. The request for his services came from "Russian authorities."

The Stockholm press, without citing any authority, speculated that Beren's patient might be Prime Minister Stalin.—Associated Press.

## Food To Cost More In U.K.

LONDON, JAN. 4. FOOD CIRCLES EXPECTED TODAY THAT THE HIGHER PRICES WHICH BRITAIN MUST PAY FOR CANADIAN FOOD THIS YEAR WILL BE PASSED ON TO CONSUMERS.

The spokesman for the Food Ministry said no decision has been reached although consultations have begun with food trade officials to explore the situation. The spokesman expressed satisfaction with the new contracts.

Unless the trade itself can absorb the higher prices the only alternative to higher retail prices should be increased Government food subsidies.

Food subsidies already total £392,000,000. Mr. Hugh Dalton, the then Chancellor of the Exchequer, indicated in presenting his interim budget last November that Government had decided against any further subsidy increase.

The powerful Trades Union Congress early this week, however, called upon Government to keep food prices stable even if it meant higher subsidies.—United Press.

## PLAN TO DISARM JAPAN

Washington, Jan. 4. The State Department agreed today to ask the Far Eastern Commission to approve publication of a plan for demilitarising Japan which Senator William F. Knowland contends has Communist tinges. The plan was drafted by the United States for the Commission's approval.

Knowland said the plan goes far beyond the goal of breaking up cartels and contains Communist-style ideas for stripping empire. He said he intends to bring up the plan when the Appropriations Committee, of which he is a member, considers the Army's request for funds for occupied countries.—United Press.

## Schuman Wins The First Round

Paris, Jan. 3. Prime Minister Robert Schuman won his first test vote in his drive for an unpopular income tax measure in the National Chamber of Deputies today.

## Mr. Churchill Recovers

Marrakesh, Jan. 4. A bulletin issued to the World Press here today said: "Mr. Churchill has had a cold which developed into bronchitis. He has not been seriously ill and is better today."

"In view of his past medical history, Lord Moran (his personal physician) travelled out to Marrakesh. Mr. Churchill's temperature is now normal and his condition is satisfactory."

The bulletin was issued after the arrival of Lord Moran and Mrs. Churchill by special plane last night.—Reuter.

## CHURCH CROSS STOLEN

London, Jan. 4. A £50 silver cross has been stolen from the Church of the Crooked Spire, Chesterfield.—Reuter.

## Rescue Drama Off Walmer

WALMER, JAN. 4. WITH THE CREW OF THE WALMER LIFEBOAT STILL STANDING BY AFTER MORE THAN 12 HOURS OF CONTINUOUS DUTY IN DANGEROUSLY HEAVY SEAS, THE 2,327-TON ITALIAN STEAMER SYLVIA ONORATO WAS STILL HELD FAST ON GOODWIN SANDS EARLY TODAY.

Four tugs which had made an all-night effort to dislodge the vessel were baulked by buffeting waves and had to abandon the task.

At one point in the struggle the lifeboatmen managed to board the distressed vessel to assist some of the crew, believed to number about 20 men.

The Sylvia Onorato was bound from the Adriatic to Rotterdam.—Reuter.

## EX-MINISTER IN COURT

Sydney, Jan. 4. Mr. John Smith ("Jock") Garden, 66-year-old Scot, a former Labour Member of Parliament for Cook, in New South Wales, and a former minister of the Baptist Church and of the Evangelist Church of Christ in Australia, had three summonses issued against him here today to answer allegations relating to the lease of timber in New Guinea.

Two of the summonses were for alleged forgery of a letter issued by the Australian Department of External Territories. The third summons alleged falsification of the document.

Hearing of the case by the Federal Court here has been fixed for Feb. 7.—Reuter.

## CHINESE PILOT MOSQUITOES

Toronto, Jan. 4. Colonel Yu Ken Wong, of the Chinese Air Force, said today that about 15 Chinese pilots or in Canada learning to handle Mosquito fighter-bombers, 150 which were sold by Canada to China.

The Chinese pilots, all officers, are receiving training at Downs View airport.—Associated Press.

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with, provided that the permanent emolu-  
ments of post are otherwise adequate.

The only (and major) exception conceded is the  
temporary High Cost of Living Allowance.

Apart from this, the Commis-  
sion recommends that, in gener-  
al, allowances should only be  
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ficers at present enjoy in occupy-  
ing Government quarters free of  
charge. We also recommend the  
abolition of rent allowances an-  
have instead incorporated an ap-  
propriated element for rent in-  
to revised basic salaries. We con-  
sider that the present system of  
rent allowances and charges to  
the use of Government quarters is  
unnecessarily complicated, is op-  
erative of discrimination, and is  
the cause of many anomalies.  
It was not until 194 that any  
change was made in the max-  
imum permissible rental. In-  
stead of the 1928 Salaries  
Commission's recommendation  
although it is obvious that there  
were considerable fluctuations in  
rents during the intervening  
period. Even with the recent in-  
crease of 30% introduced to bring  
rent allowances into line with  
controlled rents under the Land  
and Tenant Ordinance, 1947  
the evidence produced to the  
Commission shows that in many in-  
stances the rents paid by officers on  
dollar salaries for accommodation  
of a type greatly inferior to that  
which they occupied before the  
war bears little relation to the  
rent allowances they are at pre-  
sent receiving. In this connexion  
we have taken note of the fact  
that in excess of the controlled rates,  
although there is ample evidence  
that many Government servants  
are being forced by principal  
tenants to pay excessive rents.  
We have already forwarded a  
separate recommendation to Gov-  
ernment that steps should be  
taken to advise the public of  
their rights as tenants under the  
Landlord and Tenant Ordinance  
and to give Government servants  
and other members of the public  
such assistance as is possible to  
secure those rights.

## Rented Quarters

We consider that such pro-  
vision will in general enable of-  
ficers to rent premises of a type  
appropriate to their status at  
controlled rents. Where officers  
are provided with Government  
quarters, we recommend the de-  
duction of an economic rent not  
exceeding 10.25% subject to a  
ceiling of \$350 per month. In  
cases where officers are required  
to live in self-contained Govern-  
ment quarters, in, for example,  
Police Stations or hospitals, we  
consider that the deduction should  
be appropriately reduced. In the  
case of local married officers who  
are required to live communally  
in barracks or in a nominal per-  
centage only. If rent control  
should be removed and rents for  
appropriate accommodation should  
temporarily advance in excess of  
one sixth of an officer's salary,  
we recommend that an appro-  
priate adjustment should be made  
in the cost of living allowance.  
In such an event officers occupy-  
ing Government quarters could  
either receive the additional high  
cost of living allowance and pay  
increased rent or pay the re-  
vised rent and receive no ad-  
dition to their high cost of liv-  
ing allowance. It appears to us im-  
probable in view of the present  
acute housing shortage and the  
high cost of building that rent  
will fall below existing con-  
trolled levels for many years.

## Provision Of Quarters

Although the provision of Gov-  
ernment quarters for the whole  
of the public service would un-  
doubtedly have many beneficial  
effects, it appears to us to be im-  
practicable on account of the vast  
expenditure which would be in-  
volved. We understand that in the  
case of the Police Force it is Gov-  
ernment's policy ultimately to  
provide quarters for all officers  
and we advocate the building or  
acquisition by Government of  
quarters for other departments  
where it is advantageous for this  
purpose. We consider that the  
public service are local residents  
and can reasonably be expected  
to rent their own accommodation.  
European style accommodation  
which was destroyed or damaged  
as a result of the Japanese oc-  
cupation and the general shortage  
of European style houses, we  
consider it reasonable that Gov-  
ernment should as far as possible  
relieve overseas officers of the  
anxiety of finding accommodation  
for themselves and should con-  
tinue to provide quarters for such  
officers, who should properly be  
expected to pay economic rents.

## Language Allowance

We recommend the complete  
abolition of language allowances in  
the case of officers accepting the  
new scales of pay for we consider  
that where a knowledge of a  
language is essential for the proper  
performance of an officer's duties,  
it should be part of his conditions  
of service that he should qualify in  
that language before he is confirmed  
to the permanent pensionable estab-  
lishment at the end of his probationary  
period. In grades in which a know-  
ledge of a particular language is es-  
sential, we have provided for a  
three year probation period as  
against a two year probation period  
for grades in which such knowledge  
is not required. Where a knowledge  
of a particular language is desirable  
but not essential, we recommend that  
officers who obtain Government's  
permission to study a language,  
should on qualifying be granted an  
appropriate bonus.

## Fuel And Light

The fuel and light allowances  
payable to certain officers under Gen-  
eral Order 113 clearly had their  
origin in the days when officers of  
those categories were required to live  
in barracks and received low salaries  
which were compensated for by  
benefits in kind. When officers in  
those categories were called upon to  
permanently reside in privately rented  
quarters they received the allowance  
to make up for the loss of the privileges  
enjoyed in barracks. As the cost of  
fuel and light has increased, we recom-  
mend the abolition of these allow-  
ances.

## U.S. TO STEP UP AID FOR GREEK ARMY

Washington, Jan. 4.  
The State Department is  
expected to announce "very  
shortly" increased aid for  
the Greek Army.

The aid would be in the  
form of an increased allot-  
ment for military purposes  
out of the original \$300,000,  
000 programme.

To date, a total of \$144,  
000,000 has been earmarked  
for the Army but the new  
announcement was likely  
to bring that figure above  
the \$200,000,000 mark.—  
Reuter.

ances if the officers at present  
entitled to them accept the revised  
salary scales. We have taken  
into account the privilege in ac-  
cessing salaries for the grades  
affected and consider that all of-  
ficers, whether living in Govern-  
ment quarters or in privately  
rented accommodation, should pay  
for the fuel and light which they  
consume.

Hardly any allowance is at present  
payable to Police officers stationed in  
the New Territories, to the crews  
of Police cruising launches and to  
boarding officers and assistant in-  
spectors of junks when on duty aloft  
in connexion with typhoons or other  
emergencies. We see no justification  
for the payment of hardship allow-  
ances to any Government officer per-  
manently stationed in the New Ter-  
ritories or outlying parts of the island  
such as Cape D'Aguiar provided  
that reasonable use of Government  
transport is permitted to enable him  
to make periodic visits to Hong  
Kong or Kowloon. Nor do we con-  
sider that hardship allowances  
should be paid to the crews of Police  
cruising launches or to Harbour Of-  
fice employees on duty aloft. We re-  
cognize, however, that such officers  
have their homes ashore and are in  
consequence put to extra expense  
when on duty for over 24 hours at  
sea and we recommend that they  
should receive field allowance.

## Field Allowance

The present scale of field allow-  
ance and the conditions under which  
it is payable appear to us to re-  
quire revision. When an officer is  
compelled by the nature of his work

to sleep away from his headquarters  
he may reasonably be expected to  
incur additional expenditure on food,  
particularly if the period during  
which he is away is a short one. In  
addition he may or may not be put  
to additional expense in respect of  
sleeping accommodation. We recom-  
mend, therefore, that in future field  
allowance should be redesigned to  
cover the additional cost of food  
while an officer is compelled to sleep  
away from his headquarters and that  
a separate lodging allowance at ap-  
propriate rates should be granted to  
officers who are compelled to pay for  
overnight accommodation.

We recommend the abolition of  
boot allowance and the issue instead  
from Government Stores on an ap-  
proved scale of boots or shoes of  
suitable pattern.

## Entertainment

We have received representations  
from several Heads of Departments  
who are in the course of their official  
duties called upon to entertain visit-  
ing officials of other Governments,  
that an entertainment allowance  
should be provided for in their de-  
partmental votes from which they or  
officers of their departments could be  
reimbursed for expenses incurred in  
official entertaining. Except in the  
case of His Excellency the Governor,  
we are opposed to the introduction  
of departmental votes for entertain-  
ment but recommend the provision  
of funds for official entertainment to  
be controlled by the Secretariat from  
which officers can be reimbursed for  
approved expenditure. It would, in  
our opinion, place Heads of Depart-  
ments in an invidious position if  
they were themselves to control de-  
partmental votes for this purpose.

## Acting Pay

We understand that during the  
Military Administration and for  
some time after the resumption of  
civil government, when many of-  
ficers went on recuperative leave, the  
practice arose of paying charge al-  
lowances to certain officers who had  
not been eligible for acting pay who had  
undertaken greatly increased respon-  
sibilities. While such a system was  
unavoidable in the abnormal circum-  
stances of that period, the Commission  
is opposed to the payment of charge  
allowances. The responsibilities of  
many posts are liable to vary ac-  
cording to circumstances and when  
responsibilities temporarily increase,  
most officers welcome the opportunity  
presented to them of displaying their  
capabilities. If there is a permanent  
increase in responsibility we con-  
sider that there is a case for the up-  
grading of the post. Difficulties have  
arisen in the past mainly because of  
the application of acting pay rules.

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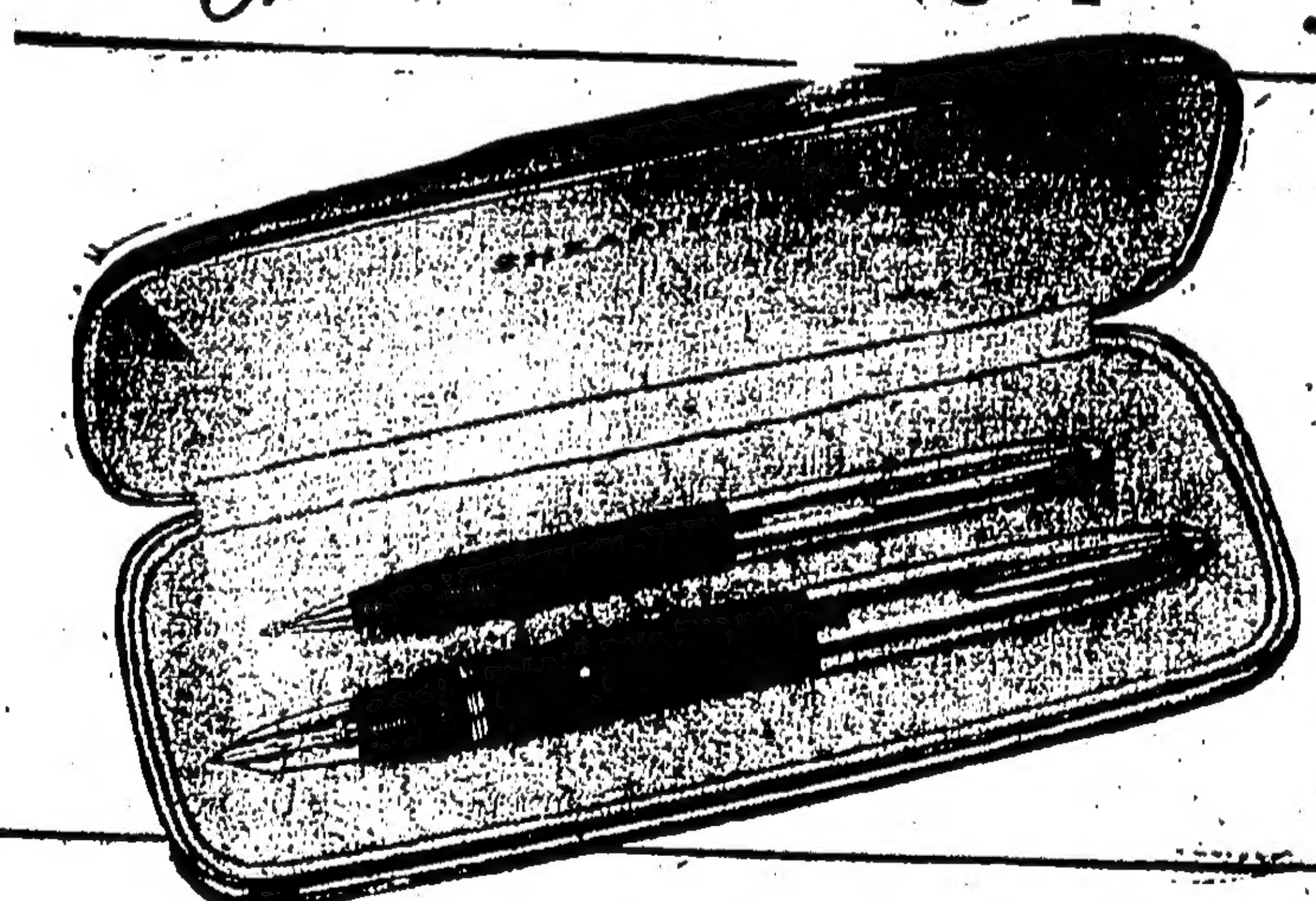
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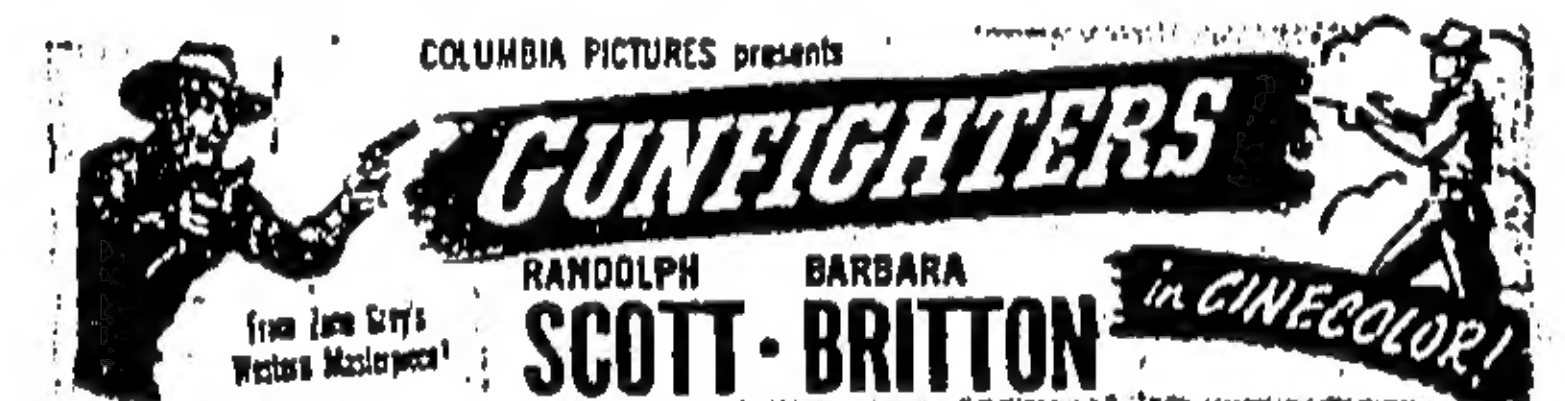
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## Chile Claims Base In Antarctic

Santiago, Jan. 4. General Ramon Canas Montalvo, army commander-in-chief, today ordered a military base to be established in Antarctic territory claimed by Chile.

The Chilean claims are to the south of the Polar lands a short distance from American Admiral Richard Byrd's old base at Marguerite Bay.

General Montalvo's order was published in connection with the departure of another official expedition to the Antarctica within months.

Presumably, it will establish a new base known as "General Higgins" in honour of the Chilean independence hero, Bernardo O'Higgins.—United Press.

## Betting On The Increase

London, Jan. 4. The gross turnover last year of the totalisator operated by the Racecourse Betting Control Board amounted to £21,133,774, compared with £14,789,125 in 1946.

The distributable surplus for the benefit of racing, breeding and veterinary science, however, is not likely to be more than the calculating dividends and the £328,000 made available in 1946.

Changes in the methods of deductions of 15 per cent from losing stakes instead of 10 per cent from all stakes meant that backers received £450,000 more in winnings.—Reuter

## November's Child



Kevin John Tinsaint, aged seven weeks, eighth child of Lord and Lady Pakenham, was christened at the church of Edward the Confessor, Finchley, on Dec. 22. Lord Pakenham is Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and is the Minister responsible for the British Zone of Germany. Kevin John was given the third name of Tinsaint because he was born on Nov. 1—All Saints' Day (Tons Saints). (A. Photo)

## Chinese Technical Experts To Advise U.S. On Aid

Nanking, Jan. 4. Authoritative sources said General Yu Ta-wel, Minister of Communications, and Tsu Yee-pel, former Governor of the Central Bank of China, will leave for the United States next week as special representatives of the Chinese Government to tender technical advice to the American Government in connection with the United States' China aid programme.

The Chinese Government decided on this step upon receipt of encouraging reports from the United States that the American Government was considering including China in its long-range world rehabilitation programme, following Congressional ratification of US\$18,000,000 aid this country.

Both Government officials will stay in Washington, where they will organise a mission of Chinese experts in order to give the American Government "timely and valuable advice" concerning United States help to China and keep the Chinese Government posted on relevant developments there.

## Nothing Definite

General Yu, who had just returned from a trip to Shanghai, told the Associated Press that he had no definite information on the subject until he had had a conversation with Foreign Minister Wang Shih-chieh, arranged for tomorrow.

Informed sources said the Foreign Ministry will issue diplomatic passports to the two Government officials, authorising one year's stay in the United States.

American sources here, however, said they were not informed of the Chinese Government's decision to send representatives to the United States in connection with American aid.

The choice of these two Government officials as the representatives to the United States

## White House Term Is In Dispute

Washington, Jan. 4. The President who will be elected this year probably will enter the White House without any legal limitation on the time he can live there.

A proposed Constitutional amendment to restrict the Chief Executive to two full terms (or not more than ten years) probably will not be ratified by the required 30 States before the next inauguration.

So far 19 States have approved the amendment.

Unless 18 state legislatures ratify the proposition this year or early next year, the proposal will still be making the rounds when the President is inaugurated on Jan. 20, 1949.

Only 14 states have legislative sessions scheduled for this year. And five of these have already ratified the amendment.

Drafters of the amendment say that if it is adopted by the required 30 states after a new President takes office, that President would be limited to two terms, including the one he has already begun.

However, if President Truman is elected, he would be exempted.—Associated Press.

## Probates Granted

Local estate, sworn under \$17,400, was left by the late Edwin Quibell Cooper, formerly of Oak Bay, British Columbia, who died at Victoria, British Columbia, on Aug. 19, 1944.

An application for sealing certified copy probate has been granted to Mr. D.B. Evans, solicitor.

The late Stamford Cecil Raffles of Browhill, Rohale Street, Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands, who died at Bon Air Nursing Home, St. Savion, Jersey, Channel Islands, on Jan. 24, 1942, left local estate sworn under \$5,000.

An application for sealing certified copy probate has been granted to Mr. C.D. Slade, barrister-at-law, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (Trustee) Ltd.

An application for sealing certified copy grant of confirmation in favour of executors has been granted to Mr. C.D. Slade, barrister-at-law, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (Trustee) Ltd., in respect of the estate of the late Kate Ida Howard or Anderson, sometime of 10 Fonthill Road, Aberdeen and latterly of 20 Braeside Avenue, Aberdeen, Scotland.

The deceased left local estate sworn under \$7,300.

## Letters From Readers APPRECIATION

Sir—I shall be glad if you will allow me through the medium of your paper to express, on behalf of the Hong Kong War Memorial Fund Committee, its gratitude to all those who so kindly helped to make our Flag Day such a success. We are particularly thankful to the ladies of the Sub-committee for their work in organizing it and the lady-collectors and girl-students who gave up their time to sell flags on Dec. 20.

E. H. WILLIAMS, Chairman, H.K. War Memorial Fund Committee.

The Rotary Club of Hong Kong will hold a closed meeting for members only on Tuesday in the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel at 12.30 p.m.

## FIVE-MAN JURY TO GO

London, Jan. 4. Jurors at the Assizes and Quarter Sessions will revert to 12 instead of five members.—Reuter.

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### THE WAY AHEAD

The year which has ended was one of the worst in the history of foreign affairs. Its only concrete achievements were the peace treaties with Italy, Finland, Rumania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia. Otherwise it was abortive of major constructive results, and the peace for which millions yearn is further off than ever. The political scene was dominated by the great powers, with the United States and the Soviet Union engaged in what to many seemed merely a struggle for vantage positions. The struggle was, and is, not confined to Europe; it was, and is, being fought with the same relentlessness in Asia. It is complicated and embittered by ideological conflict between Communism and Western Democracy. In its first stages this conflict can be described as a cold war between the United States and the Soviet Union, with the body and soul of Germany as the chief prize in Europe, and the body and soul of China as the chief prize in Asia.

In the cold war the aggressive initiative has been from the beginning with Russia, and as every international conference has shown, her main arm has been the weapon of political warfare. It is a weapon which she can and does use with considerable success. She has no need to consider her own public opinion, for it is hermetically sealed against any invasion of unwelcome truth. In varying degrees she can count on a fifth column in countries beyond her physical sphere of influence. The United States possesses none of these advantages. Her too carefully balanced Constitution drags like a heavy brake on all her actions and makes her help very often too little because it is too late. Genuinely pacifist in inclination and intention, she has been forced by Russia's tactics into the false position of appearing as the champion of anti-Communism whereas, in point of fact, she entered the war in order to resist aggression and to guarantee to every country the form of government its people desired. Like most other nations outside the Iron Curtain, she has been puzzled by the real nature of Russia's moves. She has always been prepared to recognise the genuine requirements of Russian security.

When every allowance is made for Russia's suspicions and alleged fears of foreign aggression, it is hard to resist the feeling that she has other motives than those of defensive security. And today there are many people who believe that, conscious of her strength, she is supremely confident of the ultimate victory of Communism and is prepared to achieve it by every means in her power short of actual war. If she is not set on the conquest of Europe, the whole trend of her policy has been to maintain and extend the division of Europe into clear-cut spheres of influence. Her admirers describe her policy as realistic. It is in fact an exposition of an oriental power complex. She may have no confidence in the Western Democracies. But what she has achieved by her aggressive policy in 1947 has been to destroy the generous goodwill which her armies won for her during the war.

In these circumstances the outlook for 1948 is far from promising. There is virtually no problem of foreign affairs which cannot be settled promptly by Russia, Britain and the United States are in agreement. Without that agreement even the simplest problem becomes complicated. There is, however, one hope. The European recovery programme presents the one constructive opportunity of 1948 and supporting it will undoubtedly be the main trend of British policy this year. The attitude of the small nations may be summarised as firstly fear of the Russians; secondly, a lack of confidence in the United States and thirdly, a desire that Britain would be strong. Vigorous and rapid aid by the United States would do much to restore their confidence.

On the 6th instant, sixteen Chinese and one Indian convicts were removed from the Jail and escorted by a detachment of Police on board the ship "Aster," John Keri, for conveyance to the Straits Settlements, where they will undergo their various terms of transportation.

NOTICE.—The undersigned proposes to establish himself under the auspices of Maj. M. P. Maury, of the United States Observatory, Washington, at one of the Outer Anchorage, for the purpose of collecting materials to complete "Maury's Wind and Current Charts," now in progress under the patronage of the United States Government.

This work is of great importance and interest to the whole World, and Navigators are earnestly requested to forward to the undersigned any Sea Journals which contain the Situation of the Ship at noon each day, with the Direction of the Wind at short intervals, and the General State of the Weather; and, if noted, the Height of the Barometer, Thermometer in Air and Water, and General Remarks on Atmospheric Phenomena.

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In a year of Presidential election in the United States will need an acute sense of her new responsibilities to ensure that the desire to help does not outrun performance.

## CHRISTMAS 1947 IN AN ENGLISH FAMILY

Turkey? It turned out to be good after all, and she had to pay the steep price of £5 for it. The Food Ministry had budgeted for 11,703 tons of turkeys (as against 9,000 last year), with just half that number coming from Eire, Australia, South America and Hungary. But an outbreak of fowl pest led to some 130,000 birds being slaughtered in November, and all markets between the South and the West were suspended. A leg of pork was quite unobtainable—through ordinary sources. Turkeys, by the way, sold at 26, cockerles round the 42 mark, and even old boiling hens changed hands at 25 shillings. John Strachey's Christmas box consisted of a 50 lb. ham, a 10 lb. side of beef, a 10 lb. of (from 1/1 to 1/6d.), 1 1/2 lb. of sugar and 4 oz. more sweets.

She found plenty of fresh fruit—homegrown apples and pears, and citrus fruits such as oranges, mandarins and Clementines from South Africa and Palestine. She saluted the reappearance of crystallised fruit by buying a couple of pounds, a slice of bismillah cake, as it was called, then back 25/-, and they had to content themselves with chestnuts at 2/6d., a lb. He refused to buy bar-lein, walnuts and brazil varying between 5/- and 10/-, and they wouldn't even look at preserved ginger at 17/6d. a jar.

The battle on the sideboard present him with a pretty problem. Whisky was never scarce in the ordinary market, and he couldn't pay the astronomical Black Scotch price of £8. Gin was equally remote though there was some port and sherry about at 19/- a bottle. There were plenty of imported wines—French, Dominion, and Middle Eastern—but they mostly carried the purchase tax increase. His cigar was a Jamaican, of which there was a wide selection varying from 2/6d to 3/- each. The few Havanas on sale came from private pre-war stocks and were going for 10/- each. Popular brands of cigarettes and pipe tobacco were very short; they had not yet recovered from the frenzied pre-Budget buying.

### No Lavish Spending

If it had been a complicated task assembling the traditional Xmas fare, they found presenting a most frustrating and expensive business. The leading West End and suburban stores had a greater selection of suitable gifts for men and women, particularly in cosmetics, than at any time since 1938, but prices all round had risen steeply and were far beyond the pockets of average wage-earners. They were not surprised to find that shops were not as crowded as they had been in the pre-Budget buying having quickly financially exhausted most people. A departmental manager in one of the big stores told him:—

"The people were not so lavish in their spending as they have been of recent years, and there are not nearly so many ex-servicemen about with demob money to spare. Since last Christmas, however, there have been more domestic and other goods in the shops which the public have been needing for a long time, and naturally there has been steady buying all the year round, which wiped out a good deal of the surplus money they had last year. During the past 3 or 4 Xmas'es, a large section of the public didn't care what they gave or spent for presents. It is slightly different now, and they are more for the price first and more often than not reject it because it is too high."

The suspension of the basic petrol ration sent him to look at the cycles in the basements. He found that all models, from the severe suburban upright type to the dashing racer, were selling fast, at prices ranging from 10 guineas to £25. The salesman gave him to understand that the humble bicycle was today invading the stately homes of England and even the City, adding:—"My experience of this trade tells me that the majority of the orders we get were from motorists denied their quota of petrol. It has hit some of them very hard, and they are now driven to taking up cycling. A lot of people who normally gave something for the motorist are now buying a bicycle, and we also have inquiries if we can teach people to ride."

Disarmed by the prices of the modern articles, they joined the crowds of shoppers who seeped into the quiet side-streets, courts and alleys, where second-hand goods, old curios, antiques and knick-knacks satisfied the demand for something original and different—and at more reasonable expense. Places that once graced overburdened Victorian and Edwardian mantelpieces, tables and cabinets, but long since rejected by succeeding generations as old-fashioned, passed into use again. They found among them a quality of material, beauty of craftsmanship and personality in design which do not prominently feature in present-day manufactured goods.

The Happy Adventure They had as much fun as the children going through the Toy Bazaars. These lost none of their appeal despite the passing of the years, and this year's attractions were well up to the old standards. There were children's theatres, modern railway systems, talking Budgerigars and African jungle animals, swings and sandpits and pony rides. Innumerable Father Christmas' were dressed in their usual unimaginative which were received with the customary awe of superciliousness. Perhaps, because there were so few soldiers about, what amazed the boys liked best of all was the miniature "exhibition" at Hagley's, which was a triumph of the model-maker's art. There they found 2-inch Cavallera, Crusaders, Nelson's sailors and Monty's men, each correct to the smallest detail of uniform. They came from many private collections (including that of the Royal Family), and more than one third of the 117 cases were devoted to set pieces of famous battles, on which such leading soldiers as General Slim, Major-General G. C. Evans and Brig. D. Mills Roberts had tendered advice. They showed the retreat from Moscow, a British staff HQ at Waterloo, the defeat of the Armada, Trafalgar, the Somme. In modern vein were the Battle of Britain Atlantic convoy, a London Blitz, D-Day on the Normandy beaches and the crossing of the Rhine.

Choosing the toys was once again the happy adventure it should always be. The woolly dolls and fluffy nursery balls were right up to pre-war quality, most attractive and moderately priced, varying from 7/6d. to as many guineas. Disney characters seemed to be on the way out, but there were plenty of pandas and strange creatures from story books and lesser known cartoon films. The usual card and board games were everywhere, as were children's books, but probably the most interesting novelties (certainly the best value) were new varieties of building and metalwork sets, aeroplane modelling and ship construction outfits. There were few railways; those long-forgotten cowboy and bus conductor rights looked, and were fragile; white metal and wooden toys, such as bricks, rocking horses, dolls houses, miniature furniture and pedal cars were chiefly notable for crude workmanship and design, and absurd prices. Poorly finished, frail cars cost as much as adult cycles! These were the only real disappointments in the Toy departments, and he got over them by making a doll's pram, jumping kangaroo, and a car about with a handle independently of him. It was much more fun anyway, and he found that the only tools he needed were a hammer, saw, chisel, screwdriver, small plane, small drill, a pair of snips and a paintbrush. Some of the newspapers printed articles and leaflets containing detailed instructions how to make the toys, which cost him less than a tenth of what the dealers wanted and, though he says it as shouldn't, they looked better than the manufactured articles.

### Two Circuses

For their outside entertainment, they had the choice in London of "Cinderella" with big-hearted Arthur Askey as Buttons, or "Babes in the Wood" with George Gee and Moonlight Eddie Gray, while four other big pantomimes were operating on a circuit of large suburban theatres, including a newcomer in "Little Miss Muffet." Of course, there was also "Peter Pan" with Phyllis Calvert as Peter, and "Charley's Aunt" in period costumes designed by Cecil Beaton, "Treasure Island," "The Wizard of Oz" and "Just William." And at Olympia and Haringey Arena, innocuous ring-masters cracked their whips again and the children roared their delight at the best-loved shows of the season. This year the star hits were a baller sequence by six elephants, and an astonishing number by performing seals. As usual, there was a terrific run on tickets, and both circuses were fully booked for the whole of the season, which lasts until the end of January, over 14 days before they opened their doors.

By the time they had finished decorating the tree on Christmas Eve long after the children had gone to bed, and wrapped up all the parcels in fancy paper with little labels, they were utterly weary and spent. It had taken 3 weeks of planning, quarrelling and tearing about from shop to shop in filthy weather. For the next few months, the back balance would be so precarious that they knew that to the youngsters sleeping upstairs, the day was the most exciting of the whole year. Perhaps not the traditional Christmas of old, but still the best they had known.

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

### THE WORST CALAMITY

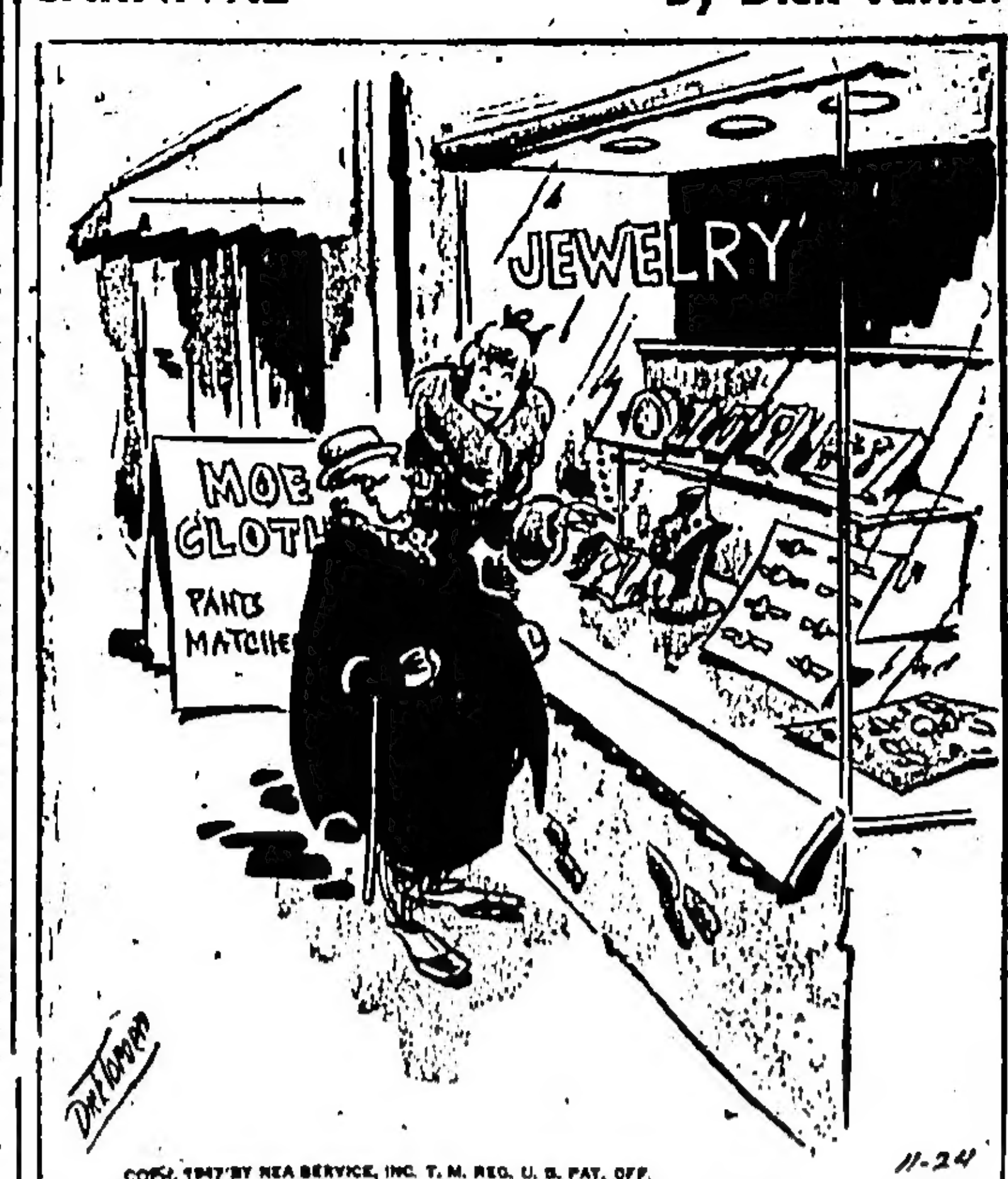
Just about the worst calamity that can befall a suit declarer is to find himself out of trumps while the defenders retain one or more of them. That is what puts the greatest danger in having as a trump suit only four cards apiece, the 4-4-4-4. Even if the host trumpers are evenly divided, he may find himself in trouble if he has to use too many of his own for ruffing leads by the opposition. The fortunate division of suits and a successful finesse may still prove inadequate luck if trumps get forced too early and too often.

S. K. 7 4	H. A. K. J. 9 3	D. Q 5	C. 8 6 2
S. 10 9 5	H. 7 4 2	D. A 8	C. A. K. J. 8 7 4
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As you can see by looking at the East-West hands, spades and hearts were divided evenly, the diamonds as near to evenly as possible, and the spade finesse was "right." With all of this good fortune, you would think the trumpers could be made, possibly and extra trick with only one loser each in clubs and diamonds. But wait a minute. West leading clubs, South ruffed the second one. He led the

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Oh, Popsie, I wonder how much that one is! Or am I being too acquisitive?"

## We Have To Help Canada Help U.S.

By NOEL MONKS

If the food talks—vital to Britain—now going on in Ottawa, are saved from complete breakdown the credit will be mostly Canadian dollars. When the Canadian officials in Ottawa have been amazed and hurt at the sad lack of appreciation of the Dominion's desperate dollar position displayed by the British Mission, led by Sir Percival Llesching, and it has taken more than two weeks to convince Mr. Strachey's envoys that Canada's need for dollars is as urgent as Britain's is for food.

When the British Mission first tabled their demands and proposals for non-payment the Canadian officials couldn't believe their ears. Only the personal intervention of Prime Minister Mackenzie King has saved the talks from being angrily broken up by the Canadians. Simply, the British Mission

bed, and wrapped up all the parcels in fancy paper with little labels, they were utterly weary and spent. It had taken 3 weeks of planning, quarrelling and tearing about from shop to shop in filthy weather. For the next few months, the back balance would be so precarious that they knew that to the youngsters sleeping upstairs, the day was the most exciting of the whole year. Perhaps not the traditional Christmas of old, but still the best they had known.

Never again, he affirmed. She said nothing, but smiled to herself. On the whole it had been rather fun, and though he'd been the last to admit it, she knew that he'd enjoyed it too. And both, remembering what it had meant to them many years ago, knew that to the youngsters sleeping upstairs, the day was the most exciting of the whole year. Perhaps not the traditional Christmas of old, but still the best they had known.

Altogether, an unhappy, unhealthy element has crept into the talks. It might yet be necessary for Mr. Strachey to hop across and lend some weight to the British delegation.

After all, Canada supplies us with three-quarters of our salmon, the major part of our bacon, more than one-third of our cheese, practically all our wheat, and one-fifth of our fresh eggs.

If this new deal is completed there's no reason why bread rationing could not be abolished. But the situation is still tricky.

Mr. J. R. Adams, British Trade Commissioner in Australia, brought a storm about his head by telling Sydney Rotarians that it was "nonsense" to say that Australia had imposed dollar cuts to help Britain. According to reports he threw an even larger bomb by declaring that Australia was comfortable and well fed, but that they would be in a very serious position if Britain's economic structure collapsed.

Baged the Sydney Sun. "Mr. Adams' remarks are calculated to leave a nasty taste" in the mouth of Australians who believe in accepting far harder sacrifices to help Britain.

"Australia is shipping goods to England because of our affection for the Mother Country. Instead of using them for dollar credits, the Trade Commissioner's remarks, coming at a moment when 40 ships were hurrying home to Britain from Australia laden with Christmas food, and when Australians are more heavily rationed than during the war, seem blatantly out of place."

"Let's get away from this word 'immigrant'!" cried Mrs. E. M. Glimmer, daughter of New Zealand's former Liberal Prime Minister, B. E. Forster, who is visiting in Wellington on the other side of the world.

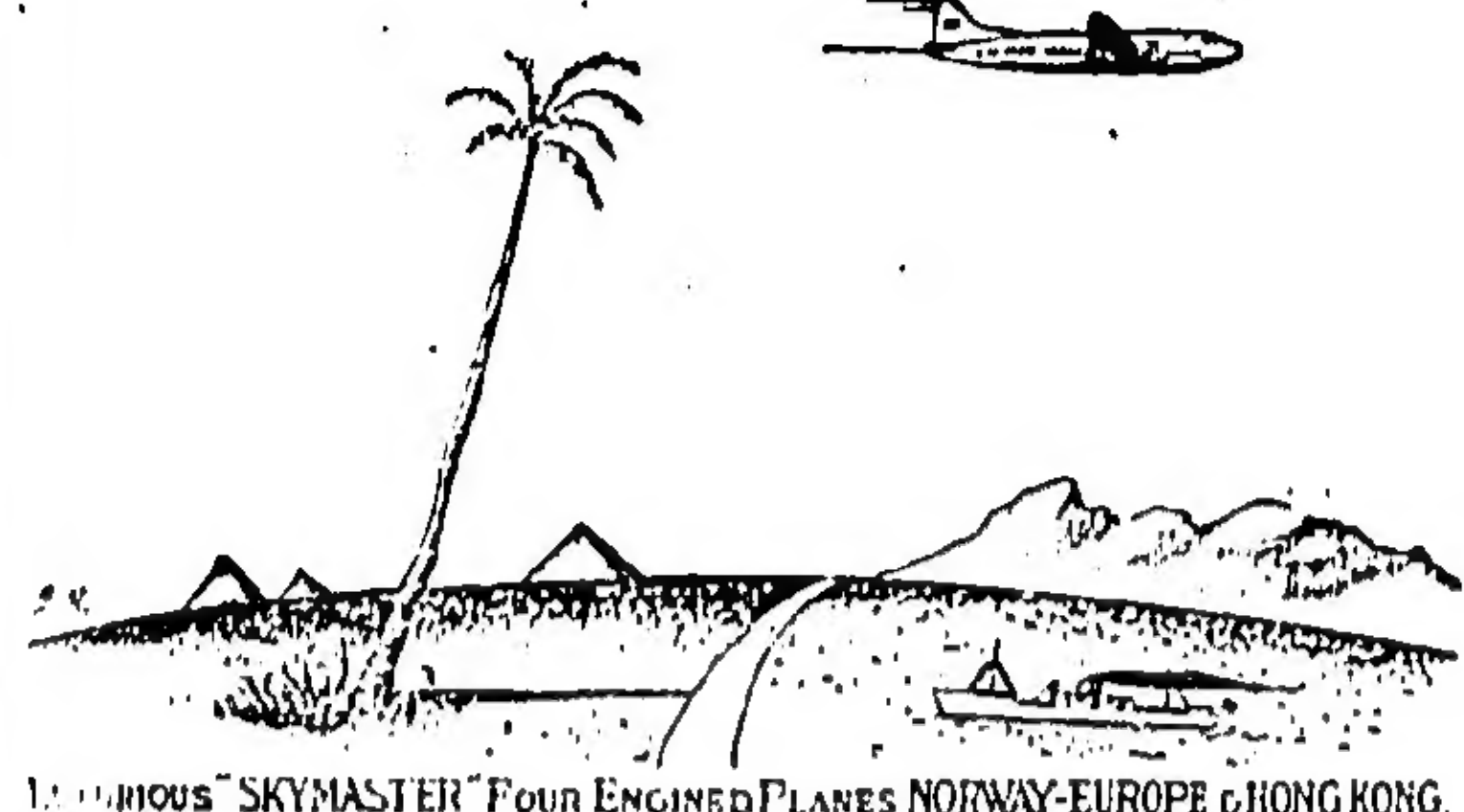
"Let's call them 'new arrivals' or 'settlers'," she suggested. And it was so decided. The word "immigrant" will be replaced by the word "settler" wherever possible.



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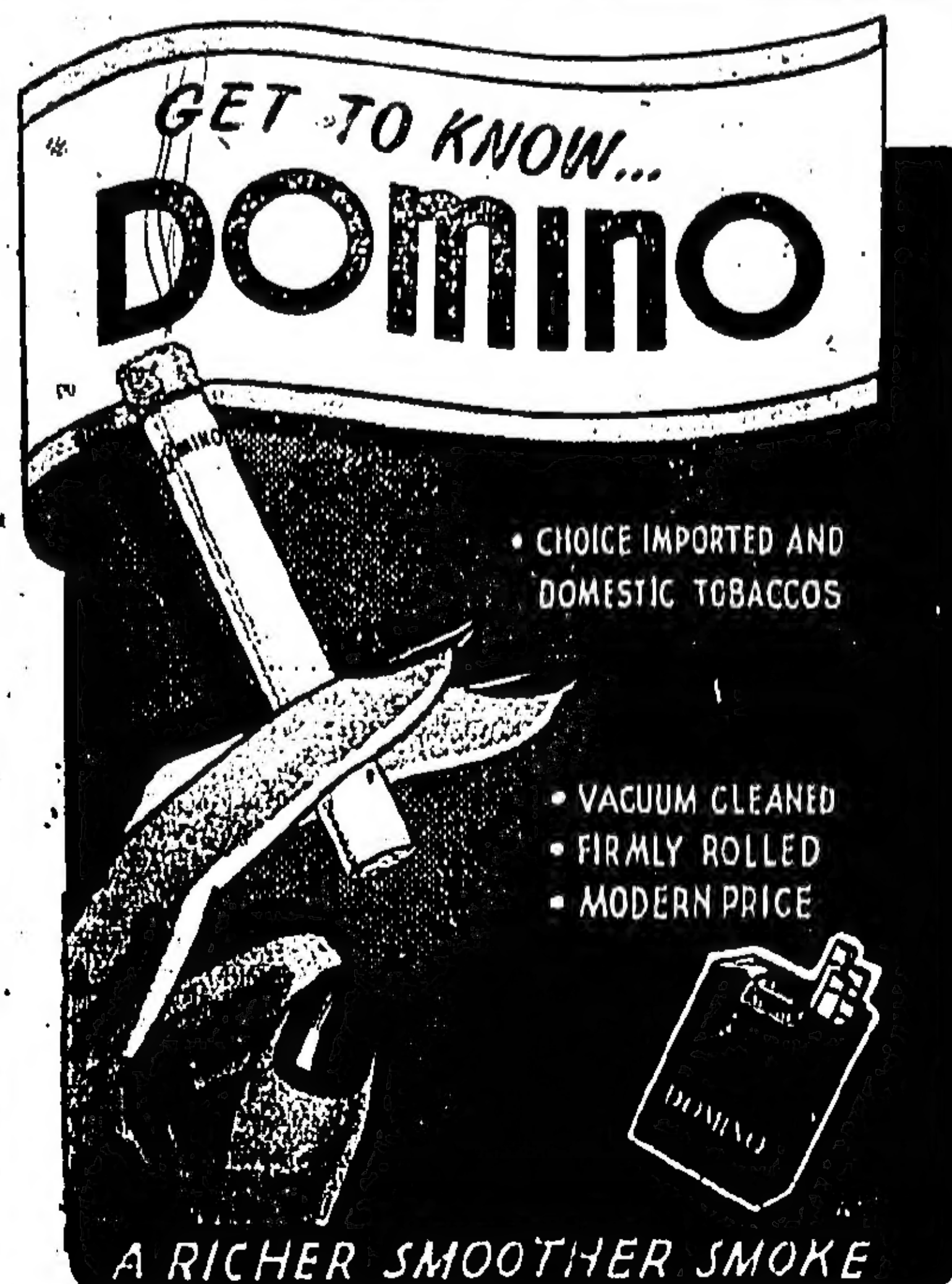


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# FOREIGN SHIPPING IN CHINA

## Prospects For 1948 "Not Very Bright"

### Tonnage Drop In Shanghai

Shanghai, Jan. 4. Shipping circles said today that foreign shipping dropped off 50 percent during the past year in the port of Shanghai, once one of the most flourishing ports in the world, "and prospects for the coming year are not very bright."

Business circles also reported that they could see no overall progress in the port and although there have been improvements these have been largely offset by other developments which continue to harass the already bewildered businessmen here.

Shipping sources generally blame the drastic slump in foreign shipping on the stringent Chinese Government import and export regulations and on the fact that foreign shipping is not allowed in Chinese inland waterways.

The cost of inland shipping is so high that most cargoes are consigned to Shanghai and no further. Sources said that foreign businessmen are sending very little that was formerly marked for China's interior.

Cargo pilfering, which last year this time was one of the biggest horrors to foreign shipping and which sent insurance rates sky high, has been reduced to almost nothing due primarily to the very effective Customs Bureau and police work.

Shipping men, while pointing out that petty pilfering accounts for an "irritating" amount of personal effects, give considerable credit to the Customs Bureau for stamping out cargo pilfering, which had a tremendous post-war surge in most Pacific ports. Last year it was completely out of control in Shanghai and Manila.

However, shipping companies pointed out that the "exorbitant" lighterage charges which plagued them last year continue without much hope for "reasonable" rates.

The newest development in the chain of circumstances, which foreign shipping and business circles complain, always appear to make stable business transactions an exception rather than the rule in China, is the increase in pilotage tariffs of more than 200 percent.

Another Straw

The increased rates, one shipping executive said, will force shipping companies to raise their rates at a time when shipping to and from Shanghai is almost prohibitively small.

It is expected here that a protest against the pilotage rates will be lodged with the United States Consulate.

The effect on businessmen, particularly larger foreign companies which find it nearly impossible to make the China branches of their firms pay their own way, will be just "another straw on the camel's back," one source told the United Press.

In contrast to the decrease in foreign shipping, Chinese shipping increased at least 50 percent, according to official figures. This, however, tends to benefit the relatively unimportant Chinese commerce and played no significant part in bettering the overall world economy of China, a local financial observer opined.

"With some exceptions," this source said, "increased Chinese shipping does not represent a significant bid for a place in the world economy."

Plant Increase

Official figures show that more than 5,000 Chinese ships entered and left Shanghai during 1947, while less than 1,000 foreign ships made it a port of call. Of the foreign vessels 357 were British and 65 American, the next largest number being 72 Norwegian ships.

While foreign shipping has decreased, the physical plant of the port of Shanghai has made visible progress.

Last year at this time the port was so congested that ships frequently had to wait a week or two before facilities were available for them to enter.

This year the port facilities have increased by almost one-third, even though shipping is not heavy enough to use the additional docks and buoys, United Press.

Arms Leave For China

Vancouver, Jan. 4. Arms valued at \$1,200,000 left here for China today in the 7,000-ton Canadian vessel Okanagan after an 11-day dispute between the ship's owners, the Federal Labour Department and the Canadian Seamen's Union had been settled last night.

The union said that it would seek life insurance and hospital care for crew from the Federal authorities "because of the danger involved to life and limb in sailing this type of cargo."

It was expected that six other similar vessels would clear the port as soon as the controversy had been finally settled.

The details of last night's settlement have not so far been released.

China recently made a deal for over \$2,000,000 worth of Canadian military equipment.—Reuter

# Tram And Dockyard Workers In Fight

Pandemonium reigned in Des Voeux Road outside the Dairy Farm at about 6 o'clock last evening when a dispute among two Chinese passengers and tramway drivers and conductors developed into a first-class fight.

The trouble started when a train from Shaukiwan broke down at Causeway Bay and the passengers were told to board the tram in front.

Two Chinese dockyard workers became involved in a dispute with the motorman of the second train over boarding the car which finally erupted in violence when the tram reached the stop outside the Dairy Farm.

The fight spread to the street and involved some 20 non-dockyard and motormen, as well as passengers.

A long line of blocked tram-cars and motor traffic reached as far as the Hong Kong Bank while the street was jammed with pedestrians anxious to get in on the act.

After a fight lasting some 15 minutes the central figures in the dispute were taken to Central Police Station.

# Government Allowances

(Continued from Page 4)

We understand that officers on duty receive pay when taking the place of officers on strike. Any allowances previously enjoyed in this regard will disappear if our recommendation is accepted that all basic salaries should be expressed in Hong Kong dollars. We further understand that it is difficult to apply the acting pay rules in cases where the salary scales of two grades overlap and an officer in the lower grade who is called upon to act in the higher grade is already on a salary higher than the minimum of the higher grade. The present salary of the Chief Officer, Prisons Department, is \$550 to \$700 per annum and the minimum salary of the Assistant Superintendent of Prisons is \$500 per annum. Although the Chief Officer would have additional responsibilities while acting as Assistant Superintendent, he would not be eligible for any acting pay under the provisions of General Order 90 (2) (a). The salary scheme we are recommending will involve in certain cases overlapping between grades and we recommend that where an officer in a lower grade acts in a higher grade for thirty days continuously and during that time in the opinion of the Government has definitely increased responsibilities, but is at present ineligible under General Order 90 (2) (a) for any acting pay, specific rates of acting pay should be devised and laid down.

## Police Allowances

We recommend the abolition of drill instructors' allowances and teachers and instructors' allowances in view of the improved scales we are recommending for the Police Force, and because, in our opinion, acting as an instructor to recruits should be part of the normal duties of a Police officer. We recommend the retention of detective allowance and in addition the grant of a reasonable allowance in lieu of uniform to Police in the Detective Branch varying with the cost of clothing.

## Outfit Allowance

While we consider it reasonable that Government should supply free uniform or an allowance in lieu to officers who are required to wear uniform on duty, we see no justification for the continuance of the recently instituted grant of an outfit allowance of \$60 to overseas officers on first appointment.

## Family Allowance

We have received strong representations from several Heads of Departments and from the European Civil Servants' Council that a system of family or children's allowances should be instituted. We appreciate that married officers with children are the most hardy hit by the present high cost of living and have given these representations most careful consideration. We find ourselves, however, unable to recommend any proposal for a permanent system of family allowances such as has been in force for some years in Malaysia. We consider that under normal circumstances a public service cannot differentiate between the rates of remuneration of its servants according to their family status. Every salary scale must visualize and make some provision for officers, marrying and raising families, and in framing our recommendations we have assumed that during the course of their career officers will marry and raise families.

## Education

We are of the opinion that assistance to Government servants with children should be part of a general social service scheme designed to benefit the community as a whole and not merely that small section of the community which is employed by Government itself. We were impressed by representations from members of the Junior Clerical Service and others regarding the heavy cost of education. We cannot, of course, recommend special privileges for the children of Government servants in this connection, but, although such a recommendation is not strictly within our terms of reference, we suggest that Government should consider the provision of free primary education for the children of all permanent Hong Kong residents and of generous assistance towards the secondary education of such children.

## Specialist Allowances

It is in the public interest that, with proper safeguards, the specialist knowledge of certain members of the Medical Department should be at the call of private practitioners. It seems reasonable to us that Government has a claim to fees earned for their work. The present arrangement by which the fees are shared between the Government and the specialist seems to us to be open to abuse by any man who wishes materially to supplement his income. Nevertheless such consultative work appears to us to be outside the functions for which the specialist was appointed and that he reasonably might ask that he should receive some remuneration for the exercise of his skill. To obviate the possibility of abuse, and to give a man some reward for extra-contractual work, we would propose that the Government should consider the alternative of paying a bonus or honorarium based on the limited amount of private consultative work that a specialist should be permitted to do, and that all the fees for such work should be collected by the officer of the hospital to which he is attached and paid into the Treasury.

## Previous Experience

Several Heads of Departments have represented to us that a system should be laid down whereby due credit is given to the value of previous experience in fixing a new entrant's point of entry on a particular scale. While we agree that special experience may merit the grant of a certain number of increments above the initial point of entry on a scale, we are of opinion that the value of experience varies so greatly that each case should be assessed on its merits.

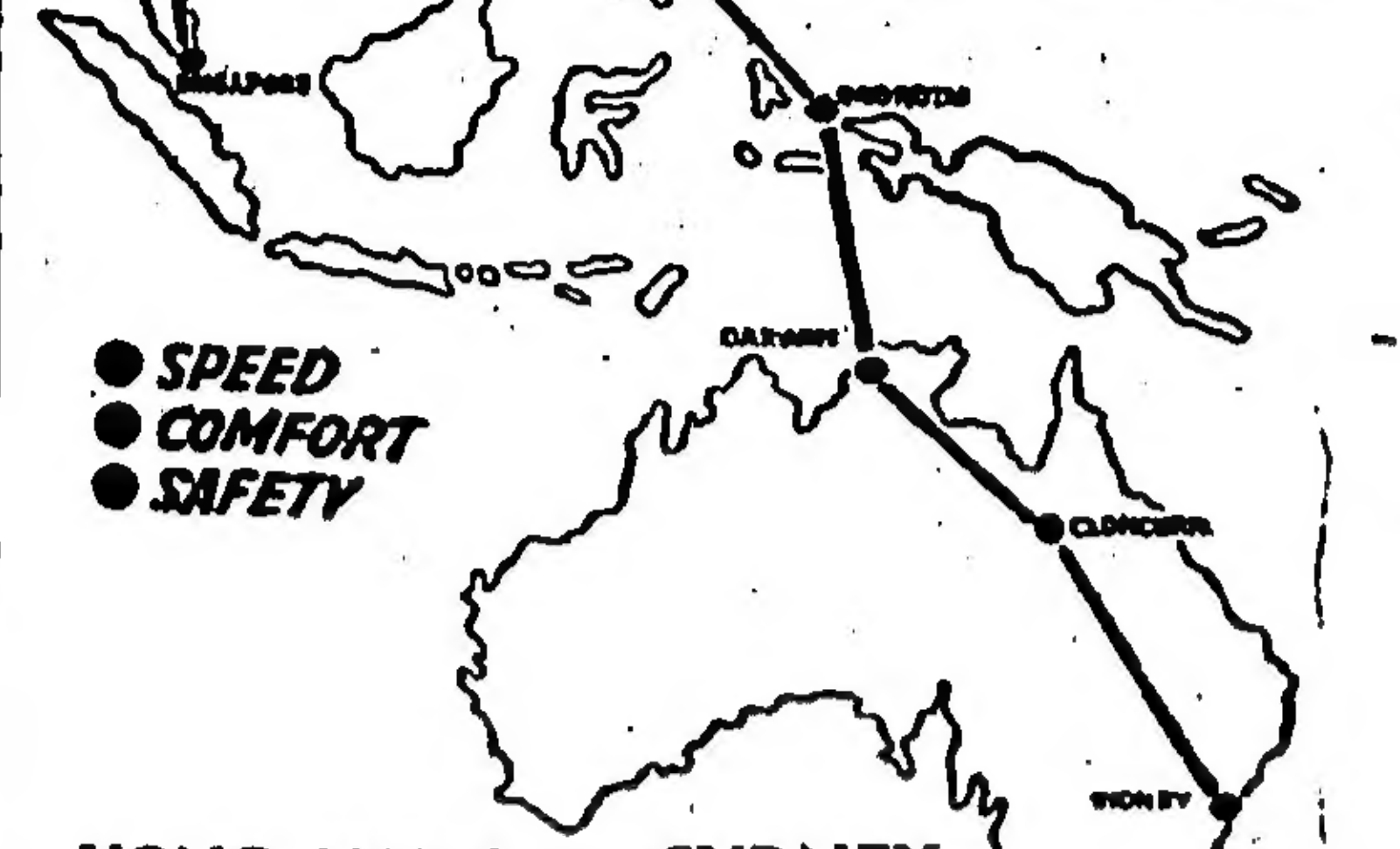
## Medal Allowances

In view of the substantial increase in basic salary which we have recommended for the rank and file of the Police Force, we recommend the abolition of medal allowance but favour a proposal by the Commissioner of Police that instead of medals

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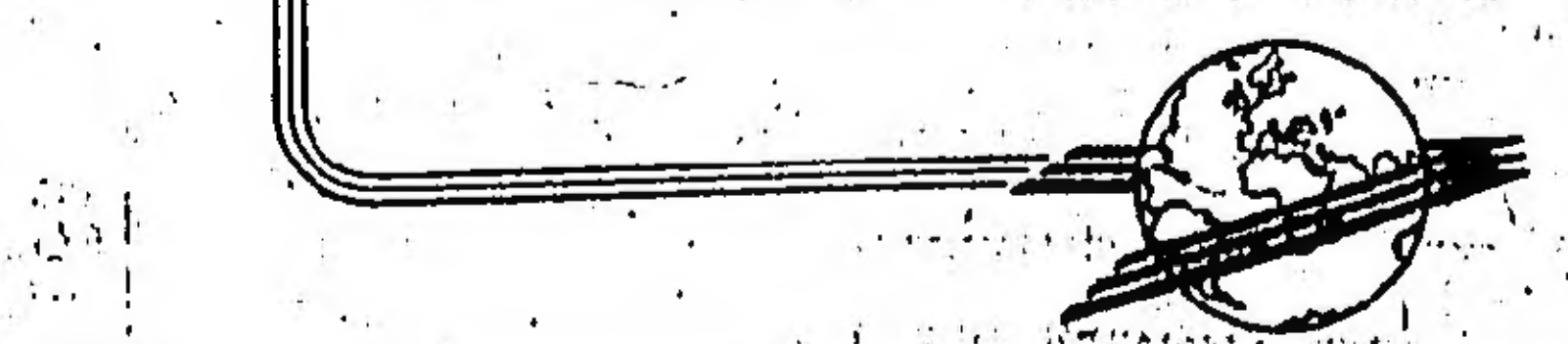
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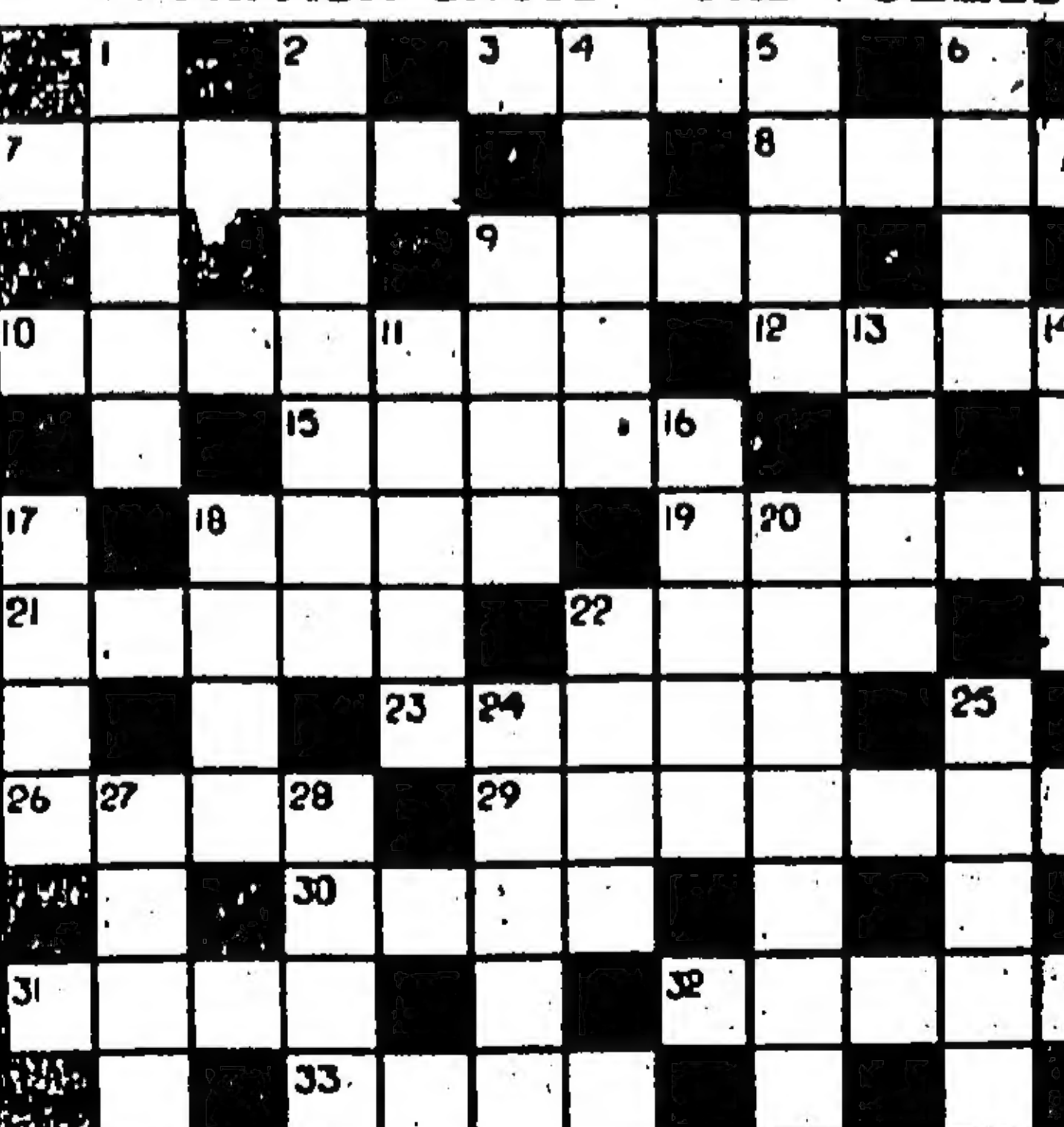
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# A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



## Clues Across

- 3 Lorry.
- 7 Rescued.
- 8 Confess.
- 9 Master.
- 10 Diet.
- 12 Wound.
- 13 Muscle.
- 15 Despatched.
- 16 Seed.
- 21 Force open.
- 22 Break in two.
- 23 Governor.
- 24 Dress.
- 26 Keep up.
- 30 Stripper.
- 31 Heap.
- 32 Punctuation mark.
- 33 Uninteresting.

## Clues Down

- 1 Hesitate.
- 2 Rebel.
- 4 Make.
- 5 Damsel.
- 6 Jot.
- 9 Crooked.
- 11 Collier.
- 13 Fowlhouse.
- 14 Coarse.
- 15 Loss.
- 17 Precious.
- 18 Stone.
- 19 Progenitor.
- 20 Caricature.
- 22 Garden.
- 24 Ordinary.
- 25 Helpman.
- 27 Wickedness.
- 28 Hastened.

## Saturday's Crossword

Across:—1. Crater, 7. Elan, 9. Amber, 10. Pedal, 11. Item, 13. De-liberate, 15. Iron, 16. Fire, 19. In-ordinate, 22. Rant, 24. Balm, 25.

Down:—2. Rebel, 3. Throb, 4. Report, 5. Sedition, 6. Pale, 8. Lacer, 12. Mince, 13. Defer, 14. Identity, 17. Final, 18. Trench, 20. Inter, 21. Amis, 23. Abut,



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## DELI-STRAITS-CHINA LINE

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Swatow & Amoy 8th Jan. Singapore, Penang  
& Belawan, Deli  
9th Jan.

"VAN HEUTSZ" Belawan, Deli, Singapore, Penang  
& Belawan, Deli  
17th Jan. Sailing for  
Swatow & Amoy

## Agents HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

"LEOPOLDSKERK" Due from Loading for  
Europe, on or about 4th Jan. Manila/Singapore/  
Colombo/  
Port Said/Alexandria  
Genoa/Marseilles/  
Antwerp/Rotterdam/  
Amsterdam/Hamburg/  
Copenhagen/  
Gothenburg/  
Oslo, early  
February

"MOLENKERK" Due from Loading for  
Europe, 4th Jan. Manila/Singapore/  
Colombo/  
Port Said/Alexandria  
Genoa/Marseilles/  
Antwerp/Rotterdam/  
Amsterdam/Hamburg/  
Copenhagen/  
Gothenburg/  
Middle of Feb.

"ALPHERAT" In Port Loading for  
Manila/Singapore  
Colombo/  
Port Said/Alexandria  
Genoa/Marseilles/  
Antwerp/Rotterdam/  
Amsterdam/Hamburg/  
Copenhagen/  
Gothenburg,  
early March.

## Agents: SILVER LINE LTD.

"HENDONHALL" Due from Sailing for  
U.S. Atlantic ports, U.S. Atlantic Coast  
late February  
Ports via  
Singapore and Suez.

## DE LA RAMA LINES

EXPRESS CARGO LINER SERVICES  
TO AND FROM PACIFIC & ATLANTIC COASTS  
U.S.A. LOADING DATES

Loads	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	Mid. Jan.	m.v. "TONGHAI"
	Late Jan.	m.v. "DONA ANICETA"
ARRIVALS		
From	Date	Vessel
Pacific Coast Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	In Port	m.v. "MANGALORE"
	17th Jan.	m.v. "ANDAMAN"
	22nd Jan.	s.s. "DONA AURORA"
SAILINGS		
For	Date	Vessel
San Francisco & Los Angeles	16th Jan.	m.v. "ANDAMAN"
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	26th Jan.	s.s. "DONA AURORA"

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## CHINA MERCHANTS S.N. CO.

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## SAILINGS

S.S. HAI SIU Singapore, Rangoon, Calcutta Jan. 8

Cargo for Tieg-Tio, Hankow & Tientsin acceptable  
on through bills of lading.

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## Notice To Consignees

Waterman Steamship  
Corporation

## S.S. "FAIRPORT"

Having arrived Hongkong consignees of cargo are hereby notified that all goods have been landed and placed at their risk and expense into the godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godown where they will be examined in the presence of Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on the 8th January, 1948 at 10 a.m.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when examining damaged dutiable goods. All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned within four days of the ship's arrival or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected.

WALLEN & CO.,  
Agents,  
Telephone 34177-9.

## HIGH COST OF LIVING

(Continued from Page 2)

Though we have shown reason for increasing the basic pay of workers in this class we are satisfied that there is no ground at present for increasing their total emoluments. These men have been paid in addition to basic pay, a high cost of living allowance first granted in 1941, a small rent allowance and a new high cost of living allowance which has gone under the name of a "Rehabilitation Allowance." As this allowance is paid at the rates laid down by the Labour Office by the shipyards and the public utility companies, we do not propose any change of name. Manual workers at present are paid either the Labour Office "rehabilitation" allowance at a fixed monthly rate or the percentage high cost of living allowance sanctioned for Government officers generally, whichever is the more favourable. The critical

pay on our proposal will be about \$120 a month.

We therefore propose that hereafter Government officers' drawing \$124 a month or less shall be paid in addition to the enhanced basic pay, a rehabilitation allowance calculated at 30 less than the Labour Office rehabilitation allowance for the month. No separate 1941 high cost of living allowance nor rent allowance should continue to be paid.

## Additional Pay

We propose that on wages between \$125 and \$149 a month an additional \$60 a month should be paid as a high cost of living allowance. In this grade the full allowance should be paid to both men and women workers, whether married or single.

For basic salaries of \$150 and over, the following proposals are based on a curve constructed on points established according to the method outlined in paragraph 183 above:

Salary Range per month	Suggested High Cost of Living Allowance
\$150-\$174	\$100
\$175-\$199	\$135
\$200-\$224	\$170
\$225-\$249	\$195
\$250-\$274	\$220
\$275-\$299	\$240
\$300-\$324	\$255
\$325-\$349	\$270
\$350-\$374	\$280
\$375-\$399	\$290
\$400-\$424	\$305
\$425-\$449	\$320
\$450-\$474	\$335
\$475-\$499	\$350
\$500-\$524	\$360
\$525-\$549	\$370
\$550-\$574	\$380
\$575-\$599	\$390
\$600-\$624	\$405
\$625-\$649	\$420
\$650-\$674	\$435
\$675-\$699	\$445
\$700 and over	\$460

"The white collar" class has fared worse than manual labourers and we have therefore proposed a steeply rising high cost of living allowance on basic salaries between \$150 per month and \$400 per month, the point at which junior expatriate officers come in. It should be pointed out in this connection that the increases in basic salary have been proportionately greatest in the lower grades and have tapered off considerably in the middle and lower ranges. The curve which we constructed aided us in assessing an even distribution of advantage for all grades based on what we consider to be essential expenditure at various points in the salary scales.

## The Higher Grades

At one point we have departed from the precedent set by the existing scale of high cost of living allowances which provides nothing for officers in receipt of \$1750 per annum and over. This limitation has created difficulties for the senior servants of the Colony. By reason of their position they are bound to spend on semi-official entertaining; many have sons and daughters at public schools or at universities; all are within sight of retirement and not unnaturally are anxious to save to supplement pensions which are materially reduced by the changed value of money and by increased taxation. We have therefore recommended that a modest allowance should be paid to them but even with increased emoluments and the proposed allowance they will have to live at a standard very considerably lower than would have been possible on the salaries and at the cost of living that prevailed in 1939.

## Notice To Consignees

## S.S. "LAOMEDON"

Damaged cargo ex the above vessel will be surveyed at Holt's Wharf between the hours 10 a.m. and 12 noon on 6th January, 1948, and consignees representatives are requested to be present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents,  
Hong Kong, 2nd January, 1948.

## Peninsular &amp; Oriental

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY  
ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DATE
"OZARDA"	Bombay	7th Jan.
"LANCASHIRE"	Kure	10th Jan.
"ORMARA"	Shanghai	15th Jan.
"TREVETHOE"	U.K. via Straits	16th Jan.
"OZARDA"	Shanghai	18th Jan.
"EMPIRE BRENT"	U.K.	21st Jan.
"TREVETHOE"	Shanghai	27th Jan.
"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits	16th Feb.
"DILWARA"	U.K.	27th Feb.
"TREVAYLOR"	U.K. via Straits	28th Feb.
"TREVAYLOR"	Shanghai	11th March

## SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"OZARDA"	Shanghai	9th Jan.
"LANCASHIRE"	U.K. via Straits	13th Jan.
"ORMARA"	Amoy	17th Jan.
"TREVETHOE"	Shanghai	18th Jan.
"OZARDA"	Bombay via Straits	20th Jan.
"EMPIRE BRENT"	Shanghai	22nd Jan.
"TREVETHOE"	U.K. via Straits	29th Jan.
"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits	23rd Feb.
"TREVAYLOR"	Shanghai	2nd Mar.
"TREVAYLOR"	U.K. via Straits & Continent	13th Mar.

British

India



## STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

## APCAR LINE

## ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DATE
"SANGOLA"	Calcutta via Straits	5th Jan.
"SANGOLA"	Shanghai & Amoy	15th Jan.

## SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"SANGOLA"	Amoy & Shanghai	5th Jan.
"SANGOLA"	Calcutta via Straits	17th Jan.

Eastern &amp;

Australian

STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED  
ARRIVALS

SHIPS	from	Due
"NELORE"	Australia	end Jan.
"NANKIN"		Early March.

For full particulars apply to  
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## SAILING DIRECT FOR BANGKOK

## S.S. "PRODUCE"

LOADING 10th JANUARY, 1948.

SAILING 11th JANUARY, 1948.

For freight particulars apply to

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WATERMAN  
STEAMSHIP CORPORATION

MOBILE, ALA., U.S.A.

Expected arrivals from U.S. Atlantic Ports:—

s.s. "KYSKA" Due 3rd Feb.

LOADING FOR NEW YORK via PANAMA

s.s. "FAIRPORT" Now Loading

s.s. "KYSKA" Loading early February

For freight and further particulars apply:—

## WALLEN &amp; COMPANY

Agents.

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Bldg. Tel. 34177-9

Chinese Freight Agents:

HIN FAT &amp; CO., LTD.

Tel: 25553, 28823 &amp; 23483.

THE HO HONG STEAMSHIP  
CO. (1932) LTD.

## S.S. "HONG SIANG"

Loading 6TH JAN. Sailing 7TH JAN.

For SINGAPORE & PENANG

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## THE DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

## S.S. "HAIYANG"

Sailing for Swatow  
1.00 P.M. 12th January

FROM DOUGLAS WHARF

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## ISBRANDTSEN CO., INC.

## STEAMSHIP DIVISION

FROM	SAILS
"FLYING INDEPENDENT" U.S.A. via Ports 11th January	Shanghai, Jinsen, Pusan, Yokohama 14th January
"SIR JOHN FRANKLIN" Japan 8th January	Manila, Singapore, Bombay, Suez & Mediterranean Ports to U.S. Atlantic Ports.

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SS "President Cleveland" (via Shanghai, Yokohama & Honolulu) Jan. 20  
SS "General Gordon" (via Manila & Honolulu) Jan. 21  
SS "General Meigs" (via Shanghai, Yokohama & Honolulu) Feb. 15

## TO SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES

SS "Hannibal Victory" (via Honolulu) Jan. 12  
SS "President Pierce" (S. F. Direct) Jan. 14  
SS "Clovis Victory" (via Manila & Cebu) Jan. 19  
SS "President McKinley" (via Shanghai & Yokohama) Jan. 24

TO NEW YORK AND HAVANA VIA MANILA,  
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, COCHIN, BOMBAY,  
SUEZ AND MEDITERRANEAN PORTS

SS "President Monroe" Jan. 6  
SS "Marine Flier" Jan. 12  
SS "President Polk" Jan. 20  
SS "Mount Davis" Feb. 6

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s.s. "PACIFIC BEAR"	Jan. 13	Jan. 14 Direct
s.s. "FLYING DRAGON"	Jan. 23	Jan. 24
s.s. "PHILIPPINE BEAR"	Jan. 29	Jan. 30 Via Kobe
s.s. "TRADEWIND"	Feb. 5	Feb. 6

## American Pioneer Line

Arrivals from New York, Boston,  
Other Atlantic Ports via Panama

s.s. "SPITFIRE" Due Jan. 13

s.s. "GOLDEN WEST" " " 18

Sailings to Manila

s.s. "GOLDEN WEST" Sails Jan. 19

s.s. "STAGHOUND" Sails Feb. 1

Sailings to New York, Boston,  
Other Atlantic Ports via Panama Canal

—SPECIAL CARGO OIL TANKS—

s.s. "SPITFIRE" Sails Jan. 13

s.s. "PIONEER SEA" " " 15

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ss. "CHRISTIAN SAAGS" ..... Beginning January  
ss. "ANDRE LEBON" ..... Middle February

## Sailing to EUROPE via Ports

ss. "ANDRE LEBON" ..... End February

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"FENGTIEN" ..... 4 p.m. 8th Jan.  
"YOKHAW" ..... 4 p.m. 8th Jan.  
"HANYANG" ..... 4 p.m. 9th Jan.  
"POYANG" ..... 4 p.m. 13th Jan.

\* Sails from Custodian Wharf

## ARRIVALS FROM

"FENGTIEN" ..... 5th Jan.  
"TSINAN" ..... 6th Jan.  
"YOKHAW" ..... 7th Jan.  
"HANYANG" ..... 9th Jan.  
"POYANG" ..... 10th Jan.

## CANTON RIVER LINE

"FATSAN" ..... Sails 4.30 p.m. 4th Jan.  
Arrives 6 a.m. 7th Jan.  
Sails 6 p.m. 8th Jan.  
Arrives 8 a.m. 11th Jan.

Agents: BLUE FUNNEL LINE

## U.K. SERVICE

## Arrivals from

"MENECLAUS" ..... Mid. Jan.  
"TANTALUS" ..... 22nd Jan.  
"AGAPOR" ..... 27th Jan.

## Sailings to

"MYRMIDON" ..... 9th Jan.  
"ADRASTUS" ..... 21st Jan.  
"PRIAM" ..... Early Feb.  
"MENECLAUS" ..... Early Feb.

## NEW YORK SERVICE

## Arrivals from

"PRIAM" ..... U.S.A. via Manila and Shanghai  
End Jan.

Agents: Australian-Oriental Line, Ltd.

## Arrivals from

"YUNNAN" ..... 22nd Jan.

## Sailings to

"YUNNAN" ..... Sydney & Melbourne via Manila 30th Jan.  
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M.S. "GERTRUDE MAERSK" ..... Jan. 11  
M.S. "MARCHEN MAERSK" ..... Jan. 26  
M.S. "TREIN MAERSK" ..... Feb. 8  
M.S. "LEISE MAERSK" ..... Feb. 12

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## AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

## ARRIVALS FROM

Poole via Bangkok:  
Jan. 7, BOAC (Capt. Town-  
send), 2.10 p.m.

Manila:  
Jan. 5, Cathay Pacific, 12.30 p.m.

Jan. 8, Cathay Pacific, 12.30 p.m.

Singapore:  
Jan. 5, BOAC (Capt. Need-  
ham), 4 p.m.

Singapore via Bangkok:  
Jan. 5, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

Jan. 9, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

Shanghai:  
Daily, CNAC (DC4), 10.45 a.m.

Jan. 7, H.K. Airways (Capt.  
Raeburn), 3.30 p.m.

San Francisco (via Honolulu,  
Wake, Guam, Okinawa,  
Shanghai):  
Jan. 8, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.

San Francisco (via Honolulu,  
Wake, Guam, Manila):  
Jan. 7, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

Sailon:  
Jan. 6, Air France, 2 p.m.

Closing Times By Air  
Canton, 7 a.m.  
Macau, Tientsin and Shekai, 8 a.m.  
Swatow, Nantong,  
Hongkong, Nantong,  
Macau, Tientsin and Shekai, 1 p.m.  
Canton, 2 p.m.  
Amoy, 3 p.m.  
Hankow, Macassar and Sourabaya, 3 p.m.

Straits, Egypt and Europe via Liver-  
pool, 1 p.m. (Reg.) 2.50 p.m.  
(Ord.) 3 p.m.  
Shanghai, 4 p.m.  
Macau, Tientsin and Shekai, 4 p.m.  
Kanton, 5 p.m.  
Canton, 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train  
Canton, 7 a.m.  
Macau, Tientsin and Shekai, 8 a.m.  
Swatow, Nantong,  
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DEPARTURES TO  
Jan. 7, BOAC (Capt. Simco),  
8 a.m.

Oslo via Bangkok:  
Jan. 5, Braniff, 9 a.m.

Singapore:  
Jan. 5, Cathay Pacific, 7 a.m.

Jan. 5, BOAC (Capt. Rudd),  
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Shanghai:  
Daily, CNAC (DC4) 11.45 a.m.

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Airmail for Manila P.L. (Reg.) 9 a.m.  
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Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Hankow,  
Hankow, Tientsin and Peking: Airmail  
for Canton, Amoy and Kanton:  
(Reg.) 9 p.m. (Ord.) 9.30 p.m.

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